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Friday 16th March	PM Light Rain	High 11°	Low 6°
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Happy logo for Happy Valley

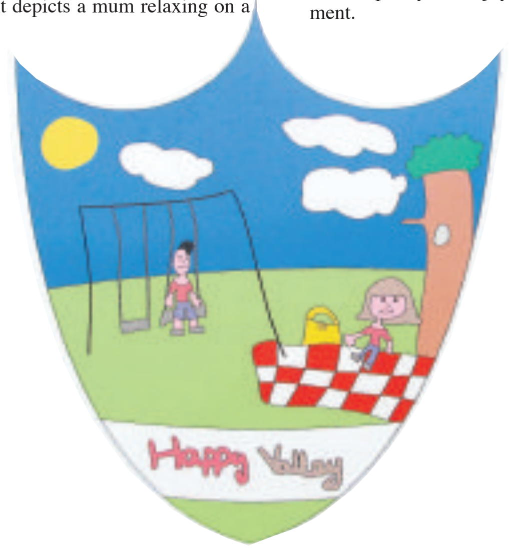
By Alex Alexander

A FINAL flourish was this week added to Crewkerne's rejuvenated Happy Valley play area — thanks to a talented Year Three pupil at St Bartholomew's First School.

Charlie Russell last autumn came up with an eye-catching logo for a noticeboard welcoming visitors to the new-look public park.

Her design was selected from among scores of other ideas submitted by pupils during a school art competition.

It depicts a mum relaxing on a picnic blanket as her young son enjoys a ride on a swing.



The newly-installed sign reminds users to take good care of the valley, telling them: "The equipment is yours, so please look after it.

"Please don't allow others to spoil your enjoyment.

"Encourage dog-owners to clear up after their pets. Encourage everyone to use the litter bins provided."

The bulk of the £130,000 funding for the improvements at Happy Valley came from Crewkerne Town Council and South Somerset District Council, with additional input from Somerset County Council, and Yarlington Housing Group.

One of the key vpeople behind the improvements is Adrian Moore, South Somerset's Playing and Youth Facilities Officer.

He told the Weekender that the area had been transformed from a run-down, litter-strewn backwater, to an exciting play area where kids, dog-walkers, skateboarders and families can all have a great time.

Happy Valley now includes a floodlit skateboard area, a zip-wire, a couple of climbing frames, swings, a sand area, extra paths, and access to previously fenced-off scrub and woodland — which are ideal for building dens and having jungle adventures, said Mr Moore.

"We didn't want to have 'Keep off' and 'Keep out' signs everywhere.

"Instead, the message is — Come and use the whole thing!

"It doesn't need any marketing with a name like Happy Valley. It's an environment that kids can come and really play in.

"And, because more people now use it, it's safe. People look after it.

"The equipment is tough stuff. None of it is broken or vandalised."

He added that further improvements could be made as and when new funding becomes available.

Wood has become 'no go area' for residents

AN unauthorised gypsy camp on council-owned land at Eggwood, north of Merriott, loomed large at the monthly gathering of Lopen Parish Council last week.

Resident Les Farris told the **Weekender** after the meeting: "Villagers voiced their concern at the long-running, unauthorised occupation by members of the traveller community of a site at Eggwood Hill.

"It was designated amenity land for local residents to mark Millennium Year 2000.

"Some time ago, Somerset County Council, owner of the site, agreed to transfer ownership of this land to the parishes of Lopen, Merriott and Hinton St George.

"The sale cannot proceed, however, until the site's current occupants, who have been offered alternative accommodation elsewhere by South Somerset District Council, have moved on.

"Local residents are of the opinion, after almost four years of the site's unauthorised occupation, that the county and district councils - the responsible authorities - have evidently decided to ignore the situation at Eggwood.

"Over this period, more and more vehicles have been parked on what was intended to be a pleasant, wooded area for local residents to enjoy, but which is now, in reality, a no-go area for them."

- The eight-member Hughes family, who occupy the site, were earlier this month refused permission to establish a new camp on privately-owned land at Haselbury Plucknett.

The family said they intend to appeal against the decision and will continue living at Eggwood until the matter is resolved.

W news briefing

Wadham at 40

AS PART of the Wadham School 40 year celoebration there will be the formation of a former student association.

A royal visit has been requested and a rededication by the diocese requested.

Contact is also being sought with Terry Waite CBE, who was due to visit the school to unveil the religious sculpture shortly before he was taken hostage in Beirut in 1987.

Headteacher David Derbyshire is keen that the Wadham at 40 celebration is not just a one-off but a legacy for the future that acknowledges community partnerships.

A black tie gala dinner has been provisionally booked for Friday, July 13th and the school would be pleased to hear from those wishing to attend so that the venue can be confirmed.

Garden skills

MERRIOTT Gardening Club were given an insight into the skill of a local expert in flower arranging when they saw her perform outstanding creations based on spring flowers and foliage.

Sybil Parker, who arranges the flowers at the village Church of All Saints at Merriott, gave an outstanding demonstration of her skills to the members of the Gardening Club .

The Gardening Club meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Tithe Barn, Church Street, Merriott (opposite the church). Everyone is welcome and they have an enjoyable programme planned for this year including a visit to the Bishop's Palace, Wells, talks by Castle Gardens Group, Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens and much more.

Change of use

MARY Shave is applying for planning permission to convert a funeral parlour at Chapel House, Hermitage Street, Crewkerne, into a residential dwelling.

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■ **SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGE: Matchbox filling fundraisers from Ashlands First School**

Matchbox magic

ASHLANDS First School in Crewkerne needs a new playground surface so the children were set a sponsored challenge to help raise some funds.

They were each given a small matchbox and asked to fill it with as many items as possible, the only rules were that they shouldn't put in anything that was living or had once been alive, and no two items the same.

The scheme raised an incredible £1,400 towards a type of fake grass chosen by the school council, after they had tested it with their knees.

At a special assembly, headteacher Carol Wills announced the four children who had fitted the most in their boxes from each class and the two who had raised the most sponsorship money. They all received a prize for their efforts.

The Ash class winner had 101 items in her box, Hazel class was slightly higher at 106, Holly class 118 but Beech class saw an incredible 136.

Generous donations from running club

By Alex Alexander

■ **RUNNING TOTAL: £1,400 worth of donations from Crewkerne Running Club were collected by (from left) Sam Langdon of the Friends of Haselbury Plucknett First School, Joyce King of Cancer Research UK, Tom Arnold of the Haselbury Park playground project, and David Bridger of St Michael's Church.**

FOUR big cheques went to four good causes this week when Crewkerne Running Club held their annual meeting.

The biggest donation, totaling £800, was handed to Joyce King, treasurer of the Crewkerne branch of Cancer Research UK.

The running club raised the money during one of its most popular annual events: the River Parrett Trail Relay Race.

The event last October attracted 162 runners in 27 teams of six, whose members who took it in turns to run sections of the 48-mile River Parrett trail, which stretches from the Bristol Channel to Winyards Gap.

Club treasurer Derek Coles said: "Crewkerne Running Club considers supporting CRUK to be a way of making a real difference to people's lives, locally and nationally."

Three other cheques, of £200 each, were also handed to community groups at Haselbury Plucknett.

The club raised the £600 last August during its Haselbury Trailrace, which has now been staged every year since 1989.

The donations this year went to the Friends of Haselbury Plucknett First School, the Haselbury Park playground project, and St Michael's Church roof fund.

The club's annual meeting followed the cheque presentations at the George Hotel in the centre of Crewkerne.

It emerged that membership had risen dramatically from 77 last year to a record 107 this March.

Mr Coles said: "2011 was the club's most successful year since its formation in 1984."

One hot topic discussed at the annual meeting was the new Crewkerne 10k race, which will take place on May 20th.

The race, which is sponsored by Stokes solicitors, replaces the Crewkerne nine-mile event.

Mr Coles added: "Nine miles was an unusual distance, so we hope that a more typical 10K race will be more attractive to runners.

"We'll be avoiding a couple of the worst hills, and there will be lots more scope for spectators to watch and support as the runners pass through Merriott.

"Junior and senior 5k races will also take place on the same day, along with the popular Crewkerne Business Challenge — which is for teams of three runners from local businesses running in the 5K race.

"Now is the time dig fellow workers in the ribs and get a team set-up!"

The meeting also heard that a "beginners training run" every Thursday evening, which began in January last year, has been extremely popular.

Up to 50 runners of all abilities regularly turn-out for an evening jaunt of between four and seven miles.

Mr Boles added: "Anyone wishing to give this a try is very welcome to join us and will always have someone to run with. We meet in the car park behind the Lidl store in Crewkerne on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm.

Details about Crewkerne Running Club are available from Clive Harwood on 01460 78510 or Derek Boles on 01460 74150 or www.crewkernerc.btck.co.uk

Spare some time to volunteer

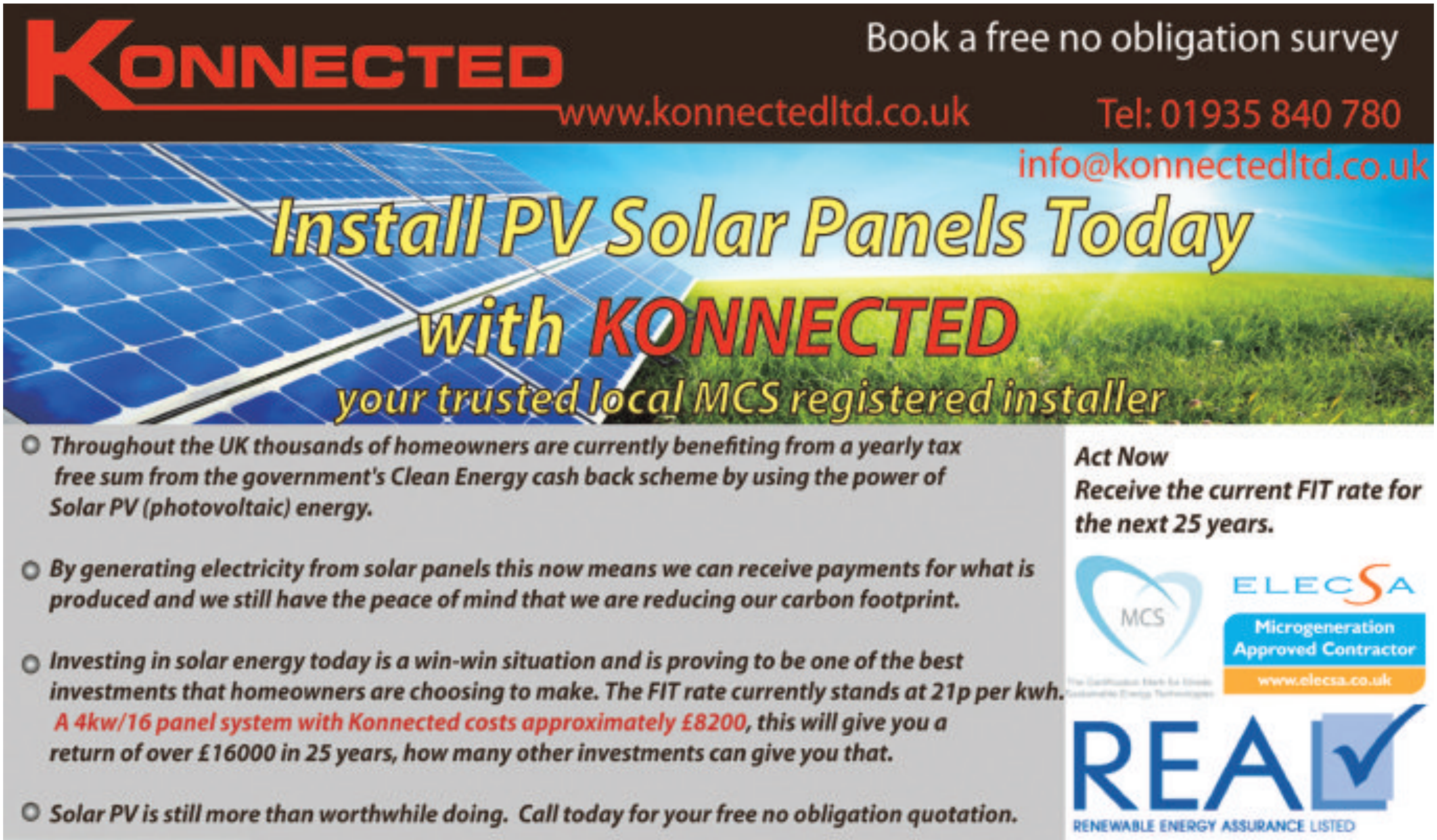
SOMERSET-based children's charity Brainwave is appealing for more volunteers to help at its newest shop in Crewkerne.

Half-a-dozen local people have stepped forward since the Brainwave shop opened in Market Street at the end of February.

But shop manager Lynn Nisbet said she could easily make good use of another dozen like them.

Lynn - who previously worked at Stuart Marsh shoes virtually next door for ten years - invited anyone interested in joining the team to pop in for a chat.

The shop opens from 9am until 5pm, six-days-a-week, and more volunteers would lighten the load on Lynn and her colleagues.



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Former students get a helping hand from their old school

TWO FORMER students of Wadham School, Jack Stevens from Crewkerne and Lee Brayshaw from Whitelackington, who are planning a Lands End to John O Groats charity cycle trip in the summer, were delighted to receive support from their old school.

The pair were presented with a cheque for £340 raised by the sixth form, who organised a non-uniform day.

The young men who are both now working, are raising money for the Everyman charity which fights against cancers that only affect the male population.

They had been back to school last term to make a presentation to the students about what they were doing, and to raise awareness of the charity, after which they were inundated with text donations.

Jack and Lee said: “We knew from our own experience that Wadham is a giving and caring school but the response from the staff and students exceeded our expectations.”

The pair plan to tackle the 900 mile journey in just ten days, starting on June 6th and wanted to raise £1,000 for the charity but have recently upped the target to £2,000 having already raised £1,200.

Lee, who works at Euro-quartz in Crewkerne, has had support from colleagues both there and at Golledge electronics. He said he knew about the charity because his mother works for Screwfix who raised £80,000 for Everyman last year.

Jack’s grandfather has recovered from prostate cancer, so he was very pleased to support the charity and Jack has also received donations from Winyards Gap where he works as chef and barman. As Jack works in the evenings it is difficult for the two friends to train together for the arduous trip.

The incidence of male cancer has risen dramatically in the UK. Prostate cancer kills one man every hour and testicular cancer is the most common cancer in males between 15 and 44. Everyman is funding research to improve currents methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of these cancers.

To sponsor Lee and Jack you can go to their website www.charitycycles.co.uk or via the JustTextGiving service; text JSLB66 followed by the pound symbol and the amount want to donate.

Wadham School

■ **SCHOOL SUPPORT: Lee Brayshaw and Jack Stevens accept a cheque from Wadham headteacher David Derbyshire, head of sixth form Henry McNulty and sixth form students**

Marathon cyclist’s journal stolen

A MARATHON cyclist has been relieved of his daily journal and hundreds of photographs just days before he returns from a 12,000-mile trek across Europe and Asia.

Frenchman Vincent Bernard, 31, has been promised a civic welcome when he passes through Crewkerne later this week en-route from Heathrow to Plymouth.

He will be catching the ferry home to Brittany after returning from India at the end of a 19-month, 16-nation, cycle ride, visiting schools and projects for handicapped young people.

When he reaches Crewkerne, he will be the guest of **Weekender** reporter Alex Alexander.

The pair crossed paths in Brittany as Vincent began his epic ride to the orient and Alex was cycling home from the Mediterranean.

They kept in touch, with Vincent posting weekly bulletins on his website.

And the latest news from Vincent is the most disappointing.

It includes a link to the Mumbai Midday newspaper in which reporter Vinod Kumar writes: “The journal and photos recording a Frenchman’s ride through 16 countries was pinched from his travel bag at a city cyber café

“He came to spread a positive attitude in the minds of cancer-affected and disabled people across India, but yesterday, just hours after he set foot in the city, he was relieved of his lovingly maintained journal and photographs.

“Vincent Bernard, a French cyclist and cancer survivor, said he had with him an entire manuscript and photographs of his journey, beginning from Brest in France on August 21, 2010.

“He had the manuscript in his travel bag while he was busy working on a terminal at the cafe.

“When he was about to leave, he saw the chain of his bag open and the manuscript missing. He made enquires with the cyber café, but in vain.

“The Frenchman has toured 16 countries, covering almost 20,000 kilometres on his bicycle through France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Turkey, Iran, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tibet, China, Nepal and India.

“He was dejected and upset after the theft of his journal and photographs.”

Vincent told the newspaper: “I am new to Mumbai and do not know who to approach.

“All I can say is that I have lost my trust in this city. I came here to spread a positive message, but I am upset.

“Throughout my journey, I met different people even in India and they were all helpful and good.

“But Mumbai did not impress me; here people do not value the feelings and sentiments of others.”

Fortunately, much of Vincent’s journey was also recorded on his website and will be used to make a documentary of his trip.

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Support group moves into film

HAVING already produced a book on recovery stories, Chard Intentional Peer Support Group have now released their new documentary video on You Tube, explaining how they aim to reach out to socially isolated adults in the town and provide them with new skills and friendship.

The group of adults who are recovering from various forms of mental illness formed a community interest company WATCH (Working All Together in Chard) project, last summer.

WATCH, they say, is there to not just to help those suffering with mental health issues but any form of social isolation and give them confidence to go out into society.

The six-minute documentary shows some of the activities volunteers participate in on a weekly basis, including carpentry, art and crafts and creative writing. The film is also available as a promotional DVD.

Arts facilitator Kirsty Cridge has been helping the group since November 2010 while working at Sainsburys and taking a university course in fine art at Somerset College. She did her dissertation on how art benefits adult mental health and, thanks to a donation of clay from the college and the use of their kiln, has been helping the group make pinch pots and trinkets. She said: “I would like to work in a therapeutic way with art. We really need some good paper, more paints and other art materials here.”

Group member Samantha Mutton, who works part time at Superdrug, said she loved coming to the group because of the social aspect and cross section of ages as well as the creative activities. Jenny Collins, who works as a cleaner an Numatic, suffers from hearing loss which can be very isolating. She said: “I like making things too and meeting people for chats. We are all equal here.”

Volunteer coordinator and group founder Julie Matthews said it was an exciting time for the group with lots happening and more on the horizon. They hope to have a website next and are desperately seeking someone who would like to share office space.

Chard Intentional Peer Support Group holds a mental health information point at the Guildhall front desk every Tuesday from 1pm - 5pm. The WATCH Project is currently at the Chard Young Peopleís Centre every Thursday from 11am-1pm with hopes for expansion to two days a week. The WATCH Project video can be seen at http://youtu.be/ynIT3P8YGdg

■ **CONTENTED CRAFTERS: WATCH members Samantha Mutton and Jenny Collins with arts facilitator Kirsty Cridge**

Chard Beavers saved from closure

■ **KEEPING IT GOING: Young leaders Amy Raymond and Bethany Stapleforth**

THINGS were looking black for the Beaver colony of Chard Manor Court Scouts as it was in danger of having to fold due to lack of leaders.

But thanks to two youth leaders stepping up the popular group will continue.

Bethany Stapleforth will be able to take over the leadership when she gets her warrant at 18 in September. In the meantime, group Scout leader Marion Hollick is helping to keep things going. Bethany started helping with the Beavers as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Also taking her young leadership training is Amy Raymond who will be 18 in August 2013. She has been a member of the Scouts herself since Beavers and loves the facilities they have at the headquarters, next to Chard Bowling Club.

She commented: “We had a camp last week and we are so lucky, a lot of people from the other areas donít have the outside space that we do.”

Tatworth Beavers are now in need of a new leader. If you think you could help with Chard Scouting groups, please call DC Dawn Wines 01460 52660

IT WAS needles out at Chard Methodist Church last week as five crafters knitted solidly for two hours as part of Christian Aid Week.

As well as raising sponsorship money for the charity they knitted squares which will be made into blankets to give to the poor

The final figure will not be in for some time yet, but the knitters would like to thank everyone who sponsored their efforts.

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Chard volunteer enjoys a World of Difference

By Marion Draper

THANKS to securing an award from the Vodaphone World of Difference programme, Sara Loveridge from Chard will be adding another charity to her already impressive curriculum vitae of press and public relations in the arts.

She was one of only four in Somerset, from 500 across the UK, to be awarded the funding which will pay for a four month placement with Ilminster based charity Purple Field Productions. The charity makes educational films for third world countries, in their own language and often using local people.

Sara joined the others for an induction at Newbury Racecourse where they found out more about the programme, and got to meet ambassadors Gok Wan, Falklands hero Simon Weston and Lisa Potts, a former nursery teacher responsible for saving the lives of school children in a horrific machete attack in 1996.

The winners also got to meet Justen Schafer Humes, the founder and CEO of the Odysseus Foundation, a cancer survivor, and somebody who has worked with countless different charities in different countries.

Sara ,who works part time as an administrator at the Ilminster Meeting House Arts Centre, was keen to become part of the Purple Fields team, and was directed by founder Elspeth Waldie to apply for the World of Difference award.

Following the induction day in Newbury, Sara said: “It was fantastic, I have always been a bit wary of things like that but it was really inspirational, meeting people all from all over the country who work for different charities and it was good to make connections. I also met Ingrid from Taunton who has also got the award to work at Purple Fields.

“They were quite serious speeches which I found really helpful and inspiring. They also teach you how to blog and use Facebook and we were all given a Vodaphone with £50 credit to use during our placement and we get to keep it afterwards.

“The award gives you the option of two months full time or four months part time work at 15 hours a week, to establish links with the press internationally and set up publicity streams.

“It’s really exciting to embrace a new challenge, this will be something slightly different for me as up to now I have been more arts based. Purple Fields is more about the education and humanitarian process.

“I am hoping to get interviews via email with some of the people who have been involved in the films, telling their own story locally and educating others in their area.

“Elspeth said that in the west were are so used to being bombarded with films, we have got used to a kind of screen language with visual clues and sometimes they have to get the message over more plainly.

“I am funded until June 29th and I am keen to stay involved with Purple Fields if I can find a funding stream to allow me to stay on for the 15 hours a week.

“I would encourage anyone to volunteer and get involved in their local community. If you are looking for a job, you are meeting new people who can become your eyes and ears and it’s a good addition to your CV. Everything I have volunteered for has led to some kind of job, even if it takes a year or two it’s worth it but you have to have a passion for the work the charity are involved in.”

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Army wives step out for funds

By Marion Draper

AN ARMY wife based in Barrington near Ilminster is teaming up with two others, based in Somerset, and they are determined to make a worthy contribution to the King's Royal Hussars Appeal fund and the Light Dragoon's Colonel's Appeal.

On Tuesday, May 1st, Alison Hunter, Carrie Watson and Anna Potts are setting off from Seaton, Devon, along the Jurassic coast for a 70-mile sponsored walk finishing at Bovington Camp the home of the Royal Armoured Corps on Saturday, May 5th.

This "Jurassic Jaunt" as-they have called it is now seeking sponsorship or any support that people might be willing to offer.

As Mrs Hunter from Barrington explained: "Our husbands, Nick Hunter, Alex Potts and Angus Watson are all members of the KRH and Light Dragoons, so these charities are very close to their hearts."

Mrs Potts the wife of the Commanding Officer of the KRH, agreed: "We all wanted to do something positive to show our support to our husbands' regiments, their soldiers and families, particularly whilst The King's Royal Hussars and The Light Dragoons are on deployment in Afghanistan on OP Herrick from March 16th this year.

"This month the King's Royal Hussars and the Light Dragoons are both deploying as part of 12 Mechanised Brigade to Afghanistan and will be in the central area of Helmand Province.

"They will be deploying for the usual six month rotation. The aim of the fundraising is to give enduring support to those soldiers wounded on operations or in regimental service, to their families, and to the families of those killed on duty. We are particularly conscious of the more complex and as yet undefined psychological problems that can take years to materialise."

Donations can be made at http://uk.virginmoney-giving.com/team/Jurassic-Jaunt.

■ LOOKING FOR SPONSORS: Anna Potts Carrie Watson and Alison Hunter supporting the regimental funds

■ FOR SUPPORT: COMMUNITY champion for Tesco Ilminster, Nicky De'Ath

Supermarket support for bereaved parents' charity

COMMUNITY champion for Tesco Ilminster, Nicky De'Ath, was delighted to be able to present a cheque for £50 to local charity, the Rosie Crane Trust.

The donation from the supermarket was accepted by founder Carol Crane who set up the support network for bereaved parents, following the death of her daughter Rosie.

The trust supplies a hotline calling service and drop in centre in Taunton.

Royal treat for fine arts society

WHEN the Queen has guests to dinner at Windsor, where does she take them afterwards?

To the Royal Library, learnt the members of Neroche Decorative and Fine Arts Society when they were shown treasures such as early books, Leonardo drawings, a Moghul paintings and priceless manuscripts.

The members were taken on a personal tour of the Royal Library and its contents by the man who has organised so many displays for the Queen's guests, the Royal Librarian Emeritus, Oliver Everett.

He began by saying that when the fire broke out at Windsor Castle, he and his few staff worked furiously to remove as many of the 42,000 books from the library as they could, only to be told by the fire chief that the fire was out and it had not reached the library.

A small army of voluntary NDFAS conservators was recruited to clean all the books.

Mr Everett explained that there had been three Royal libraries over the centuries, the earlier ones being in Whitehall Palace and then at Buckingham House, where George III, a great collector and bibliophile, employed agents to amass some wonderful treasures.

The tour took them through the rooms of the library, showing how they had changed over the years, and explained why there were so many French flags there; one French flag was the yearly rent paid to the sovereign by first, the Duke of Marlborough after Blenheim, and then by the Duke of Wellington after Waterloo. This still happens today.

He showed his audience the library's most valuable possession - a book of psalms printed in Maintz, the second book ever to be printed.

Mr Everett selected a Leonardo, a Michelango and a Raphael from among the 30,000 Old Master drawings in the Royal collection.

His impromptu delivery, his mastery of his subject, and his involvement of his large audience made for an enthralling afternoon. The talk next month at Neroche DFAS which meets at Seavington Millennium Hall, will be on plantation houses of the American South.

■ FASCINATING TOUR: Oliver Everett, the Royal Librarian Emeritus, with Julie Fowler (left), Chairman of Neroche DFAS, and Valerie Hampton of Broadway, who formerly worked for the Royal family

Harlequins put on the elbow grease

DETERMINED to put on a good show for carnival goers in this year of national celebration, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes in preparation. Harlequin Carnival Club were washing cars in the car park at Tesco Ilminster on Saturday and Sunday last weekend to help with their plans. They were kept very busy and would like to thank Tesco and all the customers who supported them.

As one of the top clubs on the circuit, Harlequin held a draw for local businesses to become their sponsor for the season, which will be Chard Garden Centre and they are grateful to all the 15 companies who entered the draw.

They are also selling commemorative bricks to raise money for their new build site, each brick allows a personalised message of two lines and costs £25, more information can be found on their website www.harlequincarnival-club.co.uk.

■ WORKING HARD FOR CARNIVAL: Kev Crabb,Ellie and Sarah Trott,Tom Russell and Karen Williams

Red Hat group would welcome more members

OVER a year ago, Janice Sturch-Williams launched the Ilminster branch of the Red Hatters. The Red Hat Society is for women of all ages with the emphasis on fun and friendship, and there has certainly been plenty of that.

The society is not about committees and fundraising, just like-minded companionship.

It has proved an incredible success with activities including dining out, cycle rides, walks, sharing meals, theatre, cinema and visiting places of interest.

More activities are planned for this year and one of the original members said :"Our group personifies friendship and fun and offers a varied programme of activities that suits us all. It truly has changed my life, so thank you Red Hatters."

New recruits are always welcome and a new members evening will be taking place at the Stonemasons, Ilminster on Wednesday, March 21st from 7.30pm onwards, where people can go along to find out more. Just turn up on the night or call Janice on 01460 55961 or Mandy on 07716 99647.

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■ **HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex**

HER ROYAL Highness, The Countess of Wessex, is to officially open the new South Petherton Community Hospital on Wednesday, March 21st.

The Countess will be accompanied by The Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, Lady Gass JP; civic leaders; Mrs Jane Barrie OBE, DL, chairman of NHS Somerset; and Mrs Linda Nash, chairman of Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on a tour of the community hospital's medical facilities and therapy garden.

In addition to meeting staff and patients at the hospital, the tour will also include an opportunity for Her Royal Highness to meet schoolchildren from South Petherton, staff, civic guests and invited visitors.

The new £18m community hospital which opened to patients last year, has 24 beds and is built on the site of the old South Petherton Hospital. Sixteen of the hospitalís inpatient beds are for the rehabilitation of patients affected by stroke. The hospital also has mobility and a health and wellbeing centre.

Her Royal Highness, will be invited to unveil a commemorative plaque in the hospital foyer. Miss Katie Aldridge, aged 16, will then present Her Royal Highness with a posy of flowers and local landscape artist, Angela Rooke will present a painting of South Petherton.

Moves to improve Somerset roads

A SUMMIT was held in Westminster this week to boost the prospects of improvements to the A303 and A358 in Somerset.

Leader of Somerset County Council Ken Maddock met MPs from the south west, to discuss proposals that will help unlock economic growth in Somerset and across the region.

Councillor Maddock said: "Improving these roads is vital for Somerset and therefore it is important that we work closely with MPs to form one strong voice. Back in January local authority leaders, senior officers and the Highways Agency met, and agreed to urgently take forward a package of proposals that includes making more sections of the A303, A358 and A30 dual carriageways.

"Speeding up journey times and improving reliability between the West Country and London and the South East would be crucial in terms of encouraging inward investment, moving goods and creating new jobs.

"The economies of the areas along the A303 have suffered disproportionately through the recent economic climate when compared to those afforded with better links like the M4. Therefore, if we are to get serious about boosting business and tourism in the south west this infrastructure deficit must be overcome.

"Somerset will be working closely with its partners over the next few months to develop a realistic set of proposals and put our case forward strongly."

A multi-agency task group has been set up to develop proposals and includes representatives from Somerset, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Wiltshire County Councilís, Plymouth City Council and the Highways Agency.

The group will work closely with the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership to ensure that the economic benefits of a new scheme are realised.

County rethink on the withdrawal of bus routes

HOPE could be on the horizon for villagers in fear of losing their buses.

Thirty bus routes could be protected by Somerset County Council after a huge consultation with passengers on future levels of transport subsidies. They include funding services, running at least once per week, in areas that were facing the loss of buses.

Cabinet member for highways, councillor Harvey Siggs, said: "We have talked to bus operators and bus passengers. We have always said this was about listening and have taken action where we can to help out. We have gone back to the budgets and found some areas where we can use money more flexibly to invest here.

"The process doesn't stop now. We will keep on talking to the public, parish councils and bus operators,there is always room for improvement."

There were more than 1,500 responses from the public and bus companies to consultation on subsidy reductions. These affected about half the 108 subsidised services in Somerset. The comments were reviewed and alterations proposed in many cases.

Bus companies and the council are still negotiating some elements, but four routes mainly carrying fare-paying school children will be protected until at least the end of the summer term. Some local services are likely to continue to be run by companies with reduced or zero subsidies.

Also, the number 99 (Taunton to Yeovil) could be re-routed to cover the loss to Winsham and Clapton of the 90 service (Chard to Crewkerne).

Village planning for the future

RESIDENTS in Merriott are being urged to contribute to a new "Neighbourhood Plan", building on and updating the success of the Village Plan five years ago. A core group of residents is being assembled with responsibility for drawing up the new plan - and for getting it approved in a local referendum.

Two of the champions of the new plan are parish councillor Ann Lawrence and Merriott resident John Bowman, who addressed the parish council about the new plan.

They also published a challenge to their neighbours, urging them to get involved.

They said: "It is now five years since the Merriott Village Plan was published and the residents said what they would like to see change in the village.

"Since then, a good many of the aims in the plan have been achieved. It is now time to take stock and revise the plan.

"The village needs to produce and endorse, through a referendum, a neighbourhood plan."

They said volunteers were urgently needed to help prepare the new plan and urged anyone interested to contact Ann Lawrence on 01460 78461 and John Bowman on 01460 74077.

POLICE in Somerset arrested 22 people during a day of action for Operation Relentless after carrying out warrants across the district last week.

A total of 12 warrants were executed over the course of the day in Crewkerne, Chard, Yevoil Frome, Shepton Mallet, Chard and Glastonbury.

Twelve of the arrests made were in relation to suspected drugs offences while three of those were also arrested on suspicion of theft. One person was arrested for breach of the peace.

Other arrests related to breach of bail as well as suspicion of theft from a motor vehicle and metal theft.

A number of items were seized including jewellery, bicycles and electrical equipment as well as a quantity of drugs, including cannabis and ketamine.

Police stands offering crime prevention advice were held in supermarkets in Chard and at Falkland Square in Crewkerne.

Officers and volunteers were also looking out for any vulnerable vehicles or properties in the district to alert the owners that their valuables could be more vulnerable to theft because their vehicle or property was insecure.

Mother's Day
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Sunday, 18th March 2012

Treat your mum to something special this Mothering Sunday

♥ MOTHER'S Day can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honour of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods.

♥ IN England during the 17th Century "Mothering Sunday" was celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

♥ MOTHERING Sunday was a time put aside for relaxation and enjoyment during the long Lenten fast. Historically, Mother's Day was an opportunity for young servant girls who worked away from home to visit their mothers and they would bake a simnel cake to present as a gift.

♥ DURING the time when children as young as ten left home to take up work or apprenticeships elsewhere, this was often the only day in the whole year when families would be reunited. Mother's Day became a public holiday in the 17th century.

♥ SOME people say that centuries ago people would return to their home or "mother" church once a year during the period of Lent, and this is where Mother's Day came from.

♥ IN NORTHERN England and in Scotland, the preferred refreshments were carlings - pancakes made of steeped pease fried in butter, with pepper and salt. In fact, in some locations this day was called Carling Sunday.

♥ SIMNEL cake was said to test the girl's skills as a cook. If it remained moist and maintained its taste until Easter Sunday, she was seen as a good cook.

♥ APPARENTLY Mother's Day is the biggest event in the UK's cut flower industry. During this period the UK's sales of flowers increases by an average of 40%, making it a very busy period for florists.

♥ MOTHER'S Day is one of the most popular days of the year for eating out, so if looking for a special restaurant to celebrate Mother's Day, you had better book your table early.

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Hanging up his soldering iron

By Marion Draper

RADIO repairman Alan Davies is about to unplug his soldering iron for the last time.

His shop at the top of South Street in Crewkerne is up for auction in mid-April, and Alan will be closing the business within the following month.

The name "Davies" has been over the shop door since 1939 when his father Stanley started a bicycle sales and repair business, with the family living above the shop.

"After a year or two, the first radios came along and we started selling them," said Alan, who was born in the former doctor's surgery right next door.

During the war years, Alan's father served with the Home Guard.

"I remember he had a Sten gun, a gas mask and a tin hat hanging on a nail on the bedroom door. The door and the nail are still there!"

Alan's next big memory is of the Queen's Coronation in 1953 — and the impact that had on the development of television.

"The first TV we had was a black and white, nine-inch Bush.

"We had two and set them up in the shop for the coronation.

"The place was full. People brought their own chairs, sandwiches and flasks of tea.

"We even had people standing outside peering through the window.

"Several people placed orders for TVs as a result!"

In those days, mass-production was unheard-of and retailers, including Stanley Davies, had limited monthly allocations of sets.

Alan said: "When the monthly allocation arrived, we had to decide which customers would get them.

"There were always more names than sets available.

"On one occasion, we had two customers, but just one set had arrived.

"They both slapped their money on the counter and were practically fighting over it!"

Alan took over the business in 1969 and was "a little bit more adventurous than my father".

"I stuck my neck out and on one occasion bought 50 new TV sets, which were piled-up in the back."

At the time, a typical TV cost the equivalent of a couple of months' wages.

"My father thought I was mad and said I'd never sell them.

"But, 12 months later, they were all gone. They were flying out the door!"

Alan spent three years studying at Taunton Technical College for a Radio Trades Exam Board diploma, including the highly-prized "colour qualification" which enabled him to repair anything from an old "valve radio" to a new-fangled colour TV.

"I remember I went to an outside service job at Misterton, dressed in my suit and tie and carrying my black repair case, with tools and valves inside.

"When I got there, I was shown upstairs to a bedroom — which I thought was a bit strange.

"A middle-aged lady was sitting up in bed, ready to reveal all!

"All I could do was stare straight ahead, think of England, and say 'I'm here to sort out the TV set'.

"Apparently, they were expecting the doctor and when I turned up, they thought I was him!"

With Alan's retirement, the TV and radio repair sector moves one enormous step nearer to disappearing completely.

Only a handful now remain anywhere in the country. The reason, according to Alan: mass-production.

Nowadays, it's almost always cheaper to throw modern equipment away, rather than have it repaired.

But, as one visitor to Alan's workshop said, when asked why he didn't simply throw-away his ailing 1970s record, radio and tape deck: "I'm a retro-man with lots of vinyl.

"I don't want a new deck. I want this one repaired."

Fortunately, when Alan shuts-up shop for the last time, he plans to do a little bit of repair and restoration on the side, just to keep his hand in.

"I don't want to become a cabbage after 12 months of retirement!" he quipped.

SOLDERING OFF: Alan Davies is preparing for a well-deserved retirement this spring, with the closure of the family's radio and TV repair business after more than 70 years in Crewkerne.

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AS THE Finance officer and administrator at Shepton Beauchamp Church of England VC Primary School, Alison Drayton deals with everything from newsletters to runny noses and loves every minute of it.

On the end of her desk is a cuddly sheep and a stress ball, both much loved by children that visit the office.

Originally from Ilminster, she now lives in the nearby village of Barrington with her husband Spencer and their son Alex, a keen drummer.

Having studied at Somerset College after Wadham School, she worked at Nationwide Building Society for 22 years and then at Somerset Adult Learning and Leisure before finding her niche at the small village school in 2007.

● **WHAT do you like most about working at the school?**
I love being around the children, they bring the child out in me.

I particularly like organising school trips, especially theatre trips and meeting everybody that comes into the school.

I love Christmas, the traditional nativity and they make things and everyone is very excited, then going to the church to watch, you can't beat it.

It's hard work but so worth it.

● **DID you like school yourself?**
I did have a nice group of friends and I can remember the school secretary at Swanmead at the hatch and always thinking I could do that job one day, but I never thought I would.

● **DO you have any hobbies?**
I like walking, I did the Moonwalk last year and this year I'm doing the Somerset Hospice Walk which is from the hospice in Taunton to the one in Yeovil in May.

I also enjoy swimming and gong to the theatre.

● **WHAT would you like to see at the theatre?**
The last show we went to was Wicked - that was good. I'd like to see Ghost and War Horse.

● **WOULD you like to time travel?**
Oh yes, I love Pride and Prejudice and that whole era, I'd love to go to the dances and be treated like a lady.

For my 40th I had a movie fancy dress party perhaps for my 50th should have a Pride and Prejudice one.

● **WHAT do you like about living in this area?**
I love being in the country and have lots of friends and family here but I have always dreamed about living by the sea. I quite like the Dorset coast. I also love Cornwall, we have a family home there so it is like a second home but my parents are planning to sell it so I will miss that.

● **DO you enjoy listening to music?**
Yes I like anything from the Foo Fighters to Robbie Williams or the Military Wives and I have a Frank Sinatra CD in the car.

● **DO you have any unfulfilled ambitions?**
I'd like to see the Northern Lights, I have swum with dolphins and seen Orcas in Canada. I'd like to go to the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier Reef but my biggest ambition would be to take that flight that takes you to the edge of space so you can see the horizon of the Earth - like that guy on Top Gear did.

● **IF you had silly money what would you do?**
I'd make sure my family and friends were alright and then we'd all go around the world and enjoy ourselves.

● **DO you have any pet hates?**
When people don't say thank you - manners basically. Like waving when you let them by on the road or opening a door for someone else, that kind of thing. It doesn't cost anything does it?

● **WHICH season is your favourite?**
I think spring, I like it when the nights are getting longer, everything is changing and the lambs are about.

I like summer but I get hayfever so I love it before the pollen gets high.

● **WHAT would be your ideal day out?**
On the one hand would be the family things, spending a day altogether on the beach or something and then there would be the girlie one; shop, look, pamper and party!

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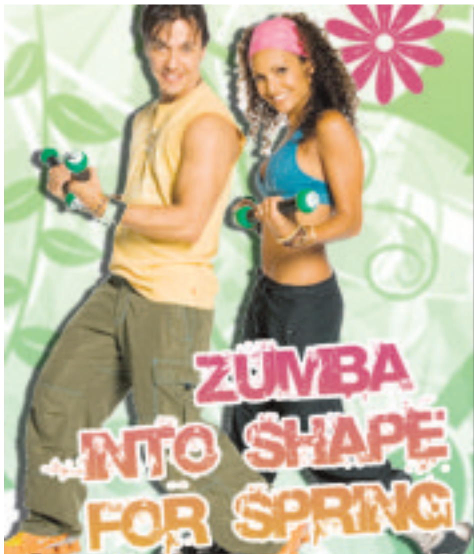

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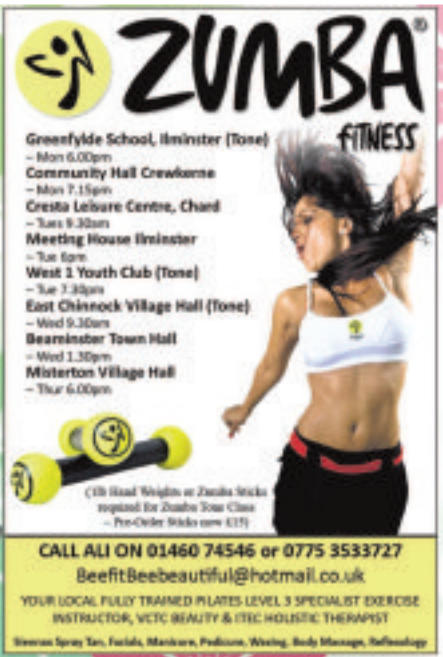

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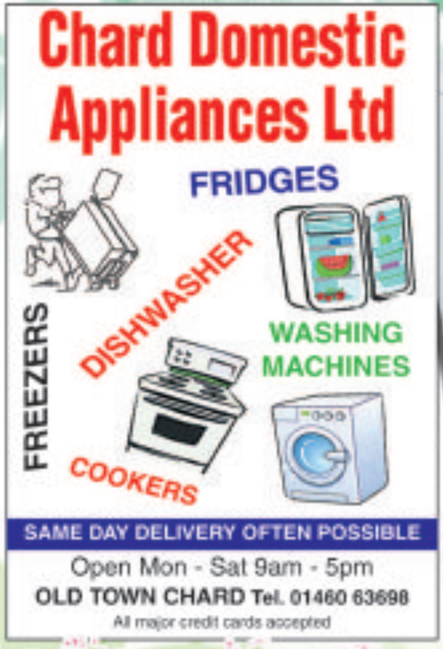

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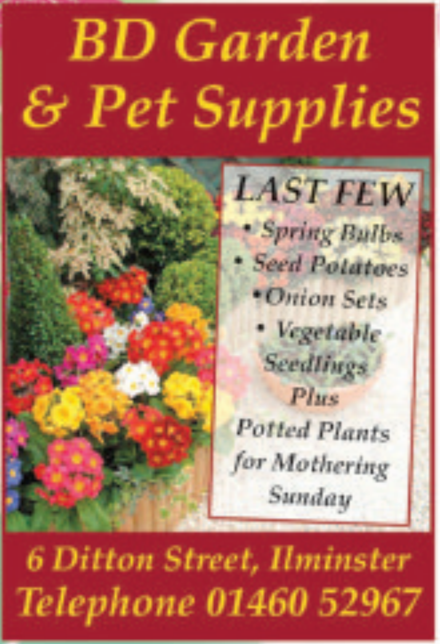

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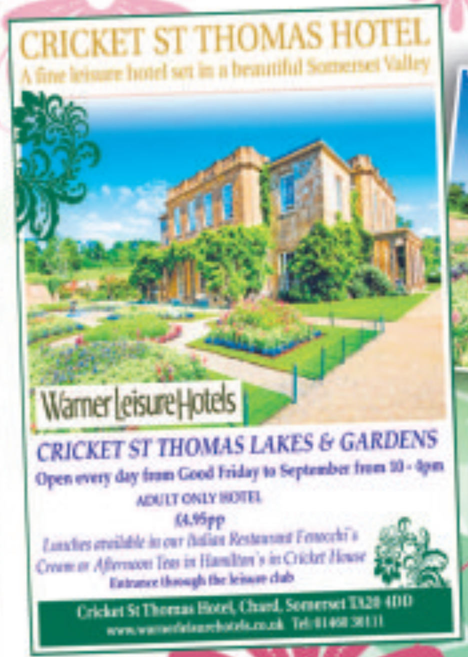

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The workshop: 'Coloured Pencils: Working in Monotone' takes place on Friday, March 30th from 10am-3pm. Tickets cost £15 (early booking is advised as places are limited.)

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Ian has been voted the British Magical Champion of Comedy and also received The Magic Circle Comedy Award 2008/09. He recently appeared on the Alan Titchmarsh Show (televised on February 7th) where he performed a trick with Gok Wan (Ian was promoting a show that celebrates the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens, who was himself a gifted amateur magician).

'A Magical Evening of Entertainment: Ian Keable' takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre next Friday, March 23rd from 8pm. Tickets cost £8, and a pre-show supper is available for £9.50 (from 7pm). To book tickets call 01460 54973, and for more information call 01460 55783.

Ian Keable

Review | Cavalieri String Quartet concert

IT IS generally agreed that the perfect vehicle in chamber music is a string quartet and this is how composers choose to present their most profound musical expression. It is therefore all the more surprising that Concerts in the West have only just featured a string quartet in all their seven years' existence.

Audience numbers were high for these energised young players who have already made their mark in the UK and abroad. Last season the Cavaleris – Anna Harpham and Ciaran McCabe violins, Ann Beilby viola, and Rowena Calvert cello - were Leverhulme Junior Fellows at the Royal College of Music. Their wide-ranging programme of quartets chosen from Mozart (B flat, K589), Mendelssohn (A minor), Schnittke (No 3) and Ravel delighted and challenged their audiences.

Playing a brilliant Italian violin, Anna was sometimes in danger of an over-projected sound - in the Mozart for example – but the Quartet's musicianship was never in question. The Ravel, a popular choice for young players and, inevitably these days, an older audience, was particularly accomplished. Younger still was 18-year-old Mendelssohn when his A minor Quartet was first heard. While it lacks the freshness of, say, his Octet, the Cavaleris injected musical passion and a degree of finesse. The Russian Schnittke's 1984 quartet was another matter: its kaleidoscopic construction draws on musical quotations close to his heart – a cadence from a Stabat Mater by Orlando di Lasso, the opening of Beethoven's Grosse Fuge and the musical signature of his hero, Shostakovich. The heightened expression of the music taken to near breaking-point, the physicality of the music and the demands made upon the players transfixed the audience, compelling them to listen. The applause that followed confirmed both the audience's appreciation and their release of tension.

This excellent series is too good to miss. The next concert on 27 and 28 April will feature the very fine pianist Alasdair Beatson playing music by Mozart, Ravel, Fauré and Schubert (Wanderer Fantasy).

For more details of performances in the Concerts in the West's 2012 season go to www.concertsinthewest.org

By Anthony Pither

Another wide range of stalls at this months Crewkerne Farmers Market

THE monthly Crewkerne Farmers Market is this coming Saturday, March 17th, in Falkland Square from 9am to 1pm.

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It's Climate Week (March 12th to 18th); an opportunity to focus on how big an environmental impact your lifestyle has on the planet. Here in South Somerset we are pretty good at recycling but what about installing a water butt or starting off a compost bin? Come along to the Farmers Market on Saturday to buy food grown or processed within a 30 mile radius and award yourself full marks for helping to save the planet!

There will also be an information stall for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI). This welfare charity has been going for over 150 years and offers financial and practical help to members of the farming community. Help comes in many forms, from disability aids and home adaptations to emergency payments in times of natural disasters such as flooding or animal disease outbreaks.

For Farmers Market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk or pick up a leaflet when you visit Crewkerne on Saturday.

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In 2010 Hilary won BBC TV's Celebrity Mastermind, her specialist subject being Josiah Wedgwood.

Have You Had It Long Madam? has toured Australia twice, Canada, and New Zealand and played more than 100 times to packed houses throughout the UK, although this is the first time that the show has ventured down in the West Country.

The show involves audience participation but does not include any valuations.

For more details on the show visit www.haveyouhaditlongmadam.com. Venues and ticket information can be found on the advert on page 29 (opposite).

WIN TICKETS!

April's West Country tour for the show *'Have You Had it Long, Madam?'* kicks off at Weymouth on Easter Sunday and includes venues throughout the region ending on Saturday 28th with a fabulous marquee event, to include 'live' music, at idyllic Prideaux Place high above the golden sands of the beautiful Camel Estuary near Padstow.

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Jackie Bowyer as Madame Arcati

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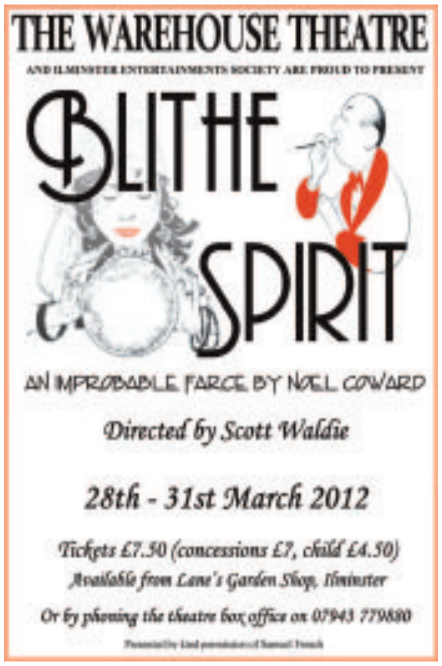

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CLAPTON: Take Art production - 'Jurassic Journey' at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.30pm. Award winning photographer, Ben Osborne presents a stunning audio visual celebration of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, including sculpture, music & poetry. Tickets, £9.50 to include Hot Supper, should be booked in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 77062.

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SATURDAY MARCH 17TH

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ILMINSTER: 70s Disco in aid of the British Heart foundation at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster, 8pm-1am. Tickets cost £5, call 07922 181 054 for more details.

ILMINSTER: London Marathon fundraiser for Children with Cancer. Coffee morning, outside Tesco, starting 9am.

BARRINGTON: Family Easter Bingo at the village hall. Doors open at 3.30pm with eyes down at 4pm. Refreshments available and a raffle. All proceeds will go to St Mary's Preschool. For more details call 01460 54629.

CHARD: The LIFE Exhibition at St Mary's Church. 10am-12noon.

MONDAY MARCH 19TH

MISTERTON: Bumper Easter Bingo in aid of Misterton first school, at the Village Hall, from 7:30pm (doors open 6:30pm). Good prizes, cash flyer, raffle, tombola, light refreshments and plenty of free parking. In aid of local organisation. Call 01460 76484 for more information.

TUESDAY MARCH 20TH

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MERRIOTT: All Saints Church Easter Bingo at the Tithe Barn. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Come along for an evening of fun. Everyone welcome.

CHARD: Rendezvous Club at the Baptist Church, Holyrood Street from 2-4pm. Social club. Tea and coffee available.

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THURSDAY MARCH 22ND

YEOVIL: South Somerset Peace Group meeting 'Why is there a Palestine Solidarity Campaign?', at Unity Hall, Central Road at 7.30pm. Entry by donation.

FRIDAY MARCH 23RD

TATWORTH: Film: Midnight in Paris (12A) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm for 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies, telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust meeting at the Parish Hall, North Street from 7.30pm. Illustrated talk entitled 'Rarer flowering plants of the Southern Counties' by Chris Cornell, local wildlife enthusiast. Adults £2 entry, everyone welcome. Tea and coffee available.

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

ILMINSTER: Baby and toddler clothing and equipment sale at Greenfylde School, organised by Cygnet pre school. If anyone would like to sell clothing, books, toys or any other baby or toddler equipment please email sara@hawkridges.co.uk or telephone Sara on 01460 53577 for details. sellers keep 50% of money made from the sale of their items, with the remaining 50% going to the pre school. Sellers do not need to stay at the sale.

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ILMINSTER: Cygnet Pre-school Ilminster Baby and Toddler Goods Sale, 10am until 12noon at Greenfylde First School Hall. Good quality second hand baby and toddler equipment, clothes, books and toys available.

HORTON: Horton Village Hall - Doors open for contributions for bric-a-brac, clothes and household linen at 8am. Details from Sue Parsons 01460 54581 in aid of Broadway Hill Methodist Church which is 153 years old and needs renovations. 9.30am -12noon.

SUNDAY MARCH 25TH

MISTERTON: Meryl's fundraising jumble sale & bric a brac at the village hall, free entry doors open 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Cakes, refreshments & draw. Donations welcome call Lorraine on 07885434588.

MONDAY MARCH 26TH

HORTON, ILMINSTER: Easter Floral Demonstration in aid of the Rosie Crane Trust. Demonstration by Angie Blackwell from Cottage Flowers, East Street, Ilminster. Held at Horton Village Hall, Broadway Hill from 10.00am-12noon. Tea, coffee and home made easter biscuits will be provided and there will be a raffle. Tickets are available from Horton Post Office (01460 52684), or by calling 01460 54252 or 54698 costing £5.50.

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

CONTRABAND 15

TO PROTECT his brother-in-law from a drug lord, a former smuggler heads to Panama to score millions of dollars in counterfeit bills.

Mark Wahlberg stars alongside real-life brother Robert, as well as Ben Foster, Giovanni Ribisi and Kate Beckinsale.

21 JUMP STREET 15

A PAIR of underachieving cops are sent back to a local high school to blend in and bring down a synthetic drug ring. Action comedy starring Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum and Ice Cube.

THE DEVIL INSIDE 15

IN ITALY, a woman becomes involved in a series of unauthorised exorcisms during her mission to discover what happened to her mother, who allegedly murdered three people during her own exorcism. Horror thriller starring Fernanda Andrade, Simon Quarterman and Evan Helmuth.

WE BOUGHT A ZOO 12A

SET in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo.

Stars Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson and Thomas Haden Church.

Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

Every Sunday 10:30 am
FOREFRONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Church Service - All welcome

Every Tuesday 9:30am & 11:30am
SLIMMING WORLD
Lose weight the extra easy way. Come along and find out how

Every other Wednesday, next meeting 28th March
10:30am - 12:30pm
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Friendly and informal gathering for information, support and social contact for people affected by dementia

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Song workshops for all "if you can speak you can sing".
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Every Thursday, 9am - 2pm
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THURSDAYS 8am - 2pm
CAFÉ OPEN

Saturday 17th March
"Dave Hill Memorial Concert"
by Chard Concert Brass band
organised by Chard Rotary Club for **POLIOPLUS**.
Doors open 7.30pm
Tickets £7.50 on sale Barrons, Chard Tourist Information Centre and from Club Members

Friday 23rd March
FOREFRONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Are holding a Barn Dance from Hobson's Choice "Live Music" here in the Guildhall from 7.30pm until 11.00pm Tickets available from Forefront Community centre priced £5.00
please phone for more information 01460 66080
Buffet & Bar. www.Forefront.org.uk

Saturday 7th April
10am - 11am
COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

Saturday 7th April 2012 9am - 12:30pm
POPULAR FAYRE
Admission free, refreshments available

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
For further details please contact
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Tel: 01460 239 567
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CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, March 16th - Thursday, March 22nd

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YEOVIL CINEWORLD

Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Rd
Tel: 0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk

John Carter *in 3D* 12A
Daily: 14.30, 20.30
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.30am
This Means War 12A
Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 17.50, 20.20
(Excl: Thu 20.20)
John Carter *in 2D* 12A
Daily: 17.30
Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 12A
Daily: 14.10, 17.00, 20.00
Plus Sun: 11.10am
The Woman In Black 12A
Daily: 14.00, 16.30, 18.50, 21.10
The Muppets U
Daily: 13.30, 16.00
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.00am
The Hunger Games 12A
Thu: 19.45, 20.45
Wild Bill 15
Mon: 20.45
Contraband 15
Daily: 12.40, 15.20, 18.00, 20.40
The Devil Inside 15
Daily: 12.50, 15.00, 17.10, 19.20, 21.30
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.40am
21 Jump Street 15
Daily: 13.10, 15.50, 18.40, 21.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Kac Wawa *in 3D* 15
Fri-Wed: 13.50, 16.10, 18.30
Plus Fri, Tue, Wed: 20.50
Thu: 13.50, 16.10
We Bought A Zoo PG
Daily: 14.20, 17.20, 20.10
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.25am
Safe House 15
Fri-Wed: 18.20, 21.00
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island *2D* PG
Sat & Sun: 11.20, 13.50
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked U
Sat & Sun: 11.40am
Happy Feet 2 *in 2D* U Sat: 10.00am
The Adventures of Tintin *in 2D* PG
Sat: 10.20am
Kung Fu Panda 2 *in 2D* PG Sat: 10.10am

TAUNTON ODEON

Heron Gate, Riverside
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
www.odeon.co.uk

21 Jump Street 15
Daily: 15.45, 18.30, 21.00
Plus Sat & Sun: 13.15
A Monster In Paris *in 2D* U
Sat & Sun: 11.20am
Contraband 15
Daily: 16.15, 18.45, 21.10
Plus Sat & Sun: 13.30
Happy Feet 2 *in 2D* U
Sat & Sun: 10.50am
Horrid Henry - The Movie *in 2D* U
Sat & Sun: 11.00am
John Carter *in 3D* 12A
Daily: 14.50, 17.45, 20.40
Plus Sat: 11.45am
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island *in 3D* PG
Sat & Sun: 11.10am
Safe House 15
Fri-Wed: 17.30
Star Wars: Episode I: The Phantom Menace *in 3D* U
Sat & Sun: 11.30am
Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 12A
Daily: 14.30, 17.15, 20.10
(Excluding Sun: 17.15)
The Devil Inside 15
Daily: 14.40, 17.00, 19.15, 21.20
(Excluding Monday 14.40)
The Hunger Games 12A
Thu: 20.00
The Muppets U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.15
Sat: 10.40, 13.00, 15.15
Sun: 10.40am
The Woman In Black 12A
Fri-Wed: 16.00, 18.15, 20.30
Plus Sat & Sun: 13.45
Thu: 16.00
This Means War 12A
Fri-Wed: 20.20
We Bought A Zoo PG
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 15.00, 18.00, 20.50
Sat & Sun: 12.10, 15.00, 18.00, 20.50
Tue: 18.00, 20.50

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Broad Street, Lyme Regis
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www.scottcinemas.co.uk

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island *in 3D* PG Sat & Sun: 13.20
The Artist PG Fri, Sat, Mon-Thu: 18.00, plus Wed: 15.00
The Woman In Black 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 20.30, Sat: 15.35, 20.30, Sun: 14.50, 19.30
Sarah's Key 12A Thu: 10.30am

Po'Girl at the David Hall

THE interplay between the members of Po'Girl is truly something to behold. They are distinct voices with incredible harmonies; multiple instrumentalists who bring the perfect sound to each song and songwriters who pen poetic tunes you'll find yourself humming. Po'Girl showcases a wide array of instruments and they all frequently trade off instruments with each song. Their fluid and joyous musicality is one of the group's most endearing and irresistible features.

Suffice to say Po'Girl makes 21st Century roots music, urban roots - never derivative, not faithfully aping a beloved tradition. They don't re-hash the old forms, they reshape and reinvigorate them for new ears. Like genuine gypsies, they wander and play - out on the international road bringing their unique brand of pan-North Americana to a widespread audience on 250 to 300 days of the year.

The David Hall's Pete Wheeler says: I have tried for many years to get this band to the Hall. They are fantastic live and have built up a large following throughout the UK and beyond. Their music is extremely varied in content but consistent in quality. A really great band who are certain to provide a night to remember.

Tickets cost £15 (full) and £14 (concessions) and can be booked and paid for via the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk They can also be purchased at N & D News, St James Street, South Petherton and reserved by calling 01460 240 340 or by e-mailing boxoffice@thedavidhall.org.uk

Calling all business women

KATE Doodson of Cosmic Ethical IT will be speaking to the assembled business women from the South West about the latest happenings in the world of IT and how it can affect businesses. She says that it will be: *"A chance to peek into the future of technology, find out the IT trends and identify which ones are worth getting, to be ahead of your competition. Understand easy ways to engage with new technology that will save you time and money."*

Kate gave an insightful talk to the group last year and has been asked to return by popular demand. She provides information about a topic whose relevance is becoming more and more important in the world of business. If you run a business locally and would like to come along please contact us for more information.

The meeting is open to members and non-members – if you have not been before SWIRE (South West Women in Regional Enterprise) would be delighted to see you and if you have not attended for a while they would be happy to meet up once again. We would appreciate it if you could let Julie Atterton-Gunn know that you will be coming along either by e-mail - julie.attertongunn@yahoo.co.uk - or 'phone - 01935 840140 - as it helps us estimate numbers for catering purposes – we would not like you to miss out on a piece of yummy cake with your coffee or tea!

The meeting will take place on Thursday, March 29th at The Monk's Yard, Horton Cross, Ilminster, TA19 9PT, from 6.30pm and the meeting will begin at 7pm.

For further information about the evening or about SWIRE in general check out the website – www.southwestwire.org or e-mail Teresa Rose presentationmatters.trose@gmail.com

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Codeword

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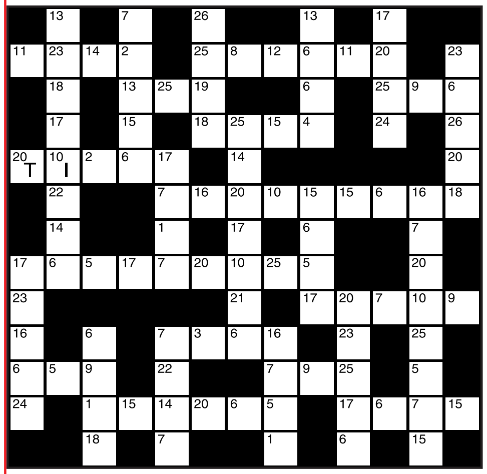

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Answer the medium hopes to get at a seance? (8,5)
8. Cat's coat in far from smooth condition (8)
9. Five hundred and one over (4)
10. Violent outcome from Recife (6)
12. Dismays when father returns with friends (6)
14. A ship, it's about to help (6)
16. Part of a revolver to develop (6)
18. Help a performer likes to get (4)
20. Arrived at a certain conclusion (4,4)
22. Presumably he hopes his achievements won't always be minor (6,7)

Down

1. Where you might finish if you take flight (8)
2. Provisionally he's a supplier (6)
3. Turn up before it erupts (4)
4. Recommend a lawyer (8)
5. Supported, yet not allowed to proceed (4,2)
6. Left in the cooler, it may be jammed (4)
11. Reckon tea-time's been altered (8)
13. Purchase some clever agencies (8)
15. This club is much patronised by gymnasts (6)
17. Supporting a football team, perhaps, and not in an illegal position (2,4)
19. She's spotted following a band (4)
21. Rush job for a dressmaker (4)

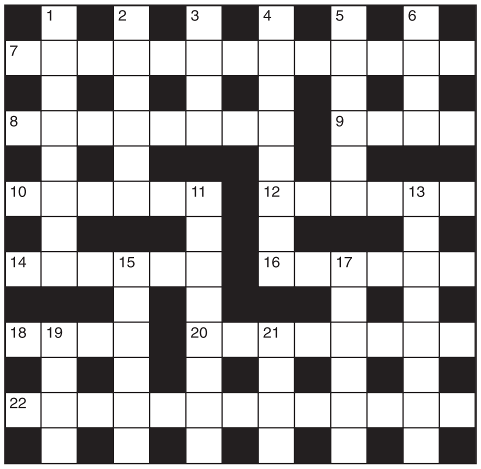
Quick Clues:

Across

7. Nursery tale character (3,6,4)
8. Acknowledged (8)
9. Sell (4)
10. Fondle (6)
12. Scold (6)
14. Lethargy (6)
16. Captivate (6)
18. Popular idol (4)
20. Recall (8)
22. Impartial (13)

Down

1. Inclination (8)
2. Mourn (6)
3. Revise (4)
4. Uneatable (8)
5. Tremble (6)
6. Robe (4)
11. Astound (8)
13. Burlesque (8)
15. Instigate (6)
17. Drive mad (6)
19. Way out (4)
21. Chief (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Hike; 8 Calamitous; 9 Senorita; 10 Leer; 12 Relent; 14 Totals; 15 String; 17 Assign; 18 Idea; 19 Manx cats; 21 No thank you; 22 Base. Down: 2 Interested; 3 Echo; 4 Plaint; 5 Impart; 6 Athletes; 7 Tsar; 11 Enlightens; 13 Epitaphs; 16 Gemini; 17 Annoys; 18 Inns; 20 Club. QUICK - Across: 1 Cast; 8 Indulgence; 9 Sidelong; 10 Down; 12 Burden; 14 Treble; 15 Vassal; 17 Dispel; 18 Zero; 19 Quadrant; 21 Uneasiness; 22 Test. Down: 2 Articulate; 3 Tire; 4 Adjoin; 5 Blight; 6 Headless; 7 Mean; 11 Wilderness; 13 Disloyal; 16 Liquid; 17 Diadem; 18 Zeus; 20 Rest.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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			3		9	8		
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	3	1	7	2	9	5	8	6
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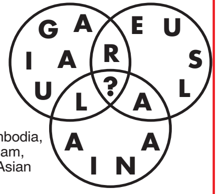
1	4	7	9	8	6	2	3	5
3	7	8	6	9	1	4	5	2
2	1	6	3	5	4	9	7	8
9	5	4	8	7	2	3	6	1

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The letter represented by the question mark is M. Cambodia, Malaysia, Vietnam, all South East Asian countries.

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STURDY hard back dining chairs, padded seats (wine red) £70.00 01297 33467

LAWN MOWER hayter harrier 41 412a. petrol engine. electric start. good condition. £85 call 01308 868939

NEW leather sofa brown W145 D88 H91 bargain only £175 no offers buyer collects 01308 420829

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TRAILER tent combo camp 2 berth quick to erect £200 01297 560993

BEECH kitchen with solid wood doors, sink and worktops, excellent condition £250 01297 442122

DIMPLEX black log effect fire 25” w 21” h 11” d excellent condition £30 01308 424451

PINK velour three piece suite £110 buyers collects 01460 61307

AXMINSTER perform lathe model cable with chuck, jaws, helmet, goggles, mask £200, folding stool £5 01460 68894

DEMI Johns ankalad ladder stabiliser blakes brick layers profiles electric greenhouse heater books cheap 01305 814521

GOLF clubs teasmade, antique books, pictures, prints, turner copies, cutlery, chairs, greenhouse heater cheap 01305 814521

G-PLAN teak gate-leg table and six chairs, excellent condition buyer collects £275 01308 422538

THREE piece suite, small silver grey / beige tapestry £200 buyer collects 0138 422538

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THREE seater sofa bed £40 01297 445907

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GOLF clubs L/Hand driver 460cc, 18 deg rescue club £30 pair 01297 443170

ARTISTS portfolio size A1 black, zipped, carry handles, top and side £9 01305 833481

ARTCARE presentation portfolios, black, ding binder transparent sleeves 41 x 59cm £10 30 x 42cm £7 01305 833481

DOUBLE pedestal mahogany D-ended dining table seats six extending to eight, 4 chairs and 2 carvers £145 01300 321299

TWO x 3ft low divan beds £20 each fridge/freezer W540, D510, H1300 £35 01300 321299

Items for sale

AXMINSTER
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UTILITY companies who take too long to complete their road works will face higher charges, Transport Minister Norman Baker announced today.

All utility companies who dig up the road must agree a time frame for their works with the local council. If a firm overstays this period and has not negotiated the additional time with the local council then they face an 'overrun charge' for each additional day they spend on the road.

Currently, the maximum daily overrun charge is £2,500, depending on the type of works and the sort of street being occupied. From 1st October 2012 this will rise on the busiest roads to £5,000 a day for the first three extra days, rising to £10,000 a day from the fourth extra day onward. Councils must spend overrun charge income on implementing transport policies.

Norman Baker said:

"We know that utility firms need to dig up the road to maintain the infrastructure we all rely upon but sometimes this work takes far too long to complete, causing disruption and frustration for everyone using the road.

"Increasing these charges means that utilities will pay penalties which reflect the cost of the disruption suffered when works go on longer than they should.

"The increases will also provide an incentive for utilities to finish works on time and prevent people sitting in unnecessary traffic jams in the first place."

The Department is also changing the way overrun charges are structured to reflect the fact that all overruns cause the same level of disruption regardless of how long the work was originally planned for.

The Government's response to the consultation on overrun charges can be found here: www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2010-13. Regulations will be laid in Parliament shortly and are due to come in to force in October 2012.

The Government has also recently put forward proposals for councils to use lane rental schemes which would see utilities pay a daily charge to do works on the busiest roads as well as measures to reduce bureaucracy for councils wanting to implement road works permit schemes. Both consultations can be found on the Department's website.

GEM supports PACTs report addressing ageing population of motorists

BREAKDOWN cover company and road safety organisation, GEM Motoring Assist, has fully backed a research study urging the Government to address mobility for Britain's ageing population.

Showing unwavering support, GEM part-sponsored the major report by the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS) looking into the importance of mobility for what is currently an ageing population. The report It's My Choice, issued on Monday, calls on the Government to act now regarding the issues of mobility and independence and crucially, road safety.

Via the report, PACTS reveals key statistics illustrating exactly why the elderly cannot be ignored. The report shows that the number of 70+ licence holders has risen from 15% in 1975 to nearly 60% in 2010 and 80% of current 60-69 year old motorists will continue to drive for the next 20 years.

Calling for a national strategy, the report's recommendations include, offering motoring courses designed for older road users,and improving procedures within the medical profession to assess both physical and mental fitness for driving.

David Williams MBE, CEO of GEM Motoring Assist, comments: "With such strong facts pointing towards the all-important issue of our ageing population, it is more crucial than ever to ensure road safety is a priority. This report is not, by any means, condemning older drivers; it is about helping older people make better, safer and well-informed choices. Statistics still show that older drivers cause fewer accidents than younger drivers, so it is not about taking licenses away at a certain age, it is about giving older drivers the tools to make the right decision.

"Good eyesight is one of the most integral parts of being a capable driver, and we believe that by having a mandatory eyesight test when you renew your license every 10 years, this will help us discover more effectively who has the ability to drive and who does not," David concludes.

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IAM response to PACT's older driver report

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: "With the number of drivers over the age of 80 now over one million, a strategy for this area is essential.

"Older people need their cars which give them better mobility and access to more activities and services. Those who wish to continue driving beyond the age of 70 should only be prevented from doing so if there are compelling reasons. Rather than seeking to prevent older people from driving, we should make them more aware of the risks they face, and offer them driving assessments to help them eliminate bad habits. Driving helps older people play a full and active part in society."

A national strategy for an ageing car-driving population is vital, a report by a Whitehall advisory body has said.

The number of older motorists holding driving licences has risen considerably in recent years, the report from the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (Pacts) said.

But it added that reductions in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads have fallen far more slowly among older drivers.

The report said that while only 15% of over-70s held a driving licence in 1975, the figure for 2010 was nearly 60%. Also, 80% of current 60-69 year olds hold licences and will continue to drive for around the next 20 years. More than 80% of 30-39 year olds are licence holders and will drive until at least 2050.

Pacts said: "The report therefore concludes that older road users are here to stay and that a national strategy for an ageing population is vital."

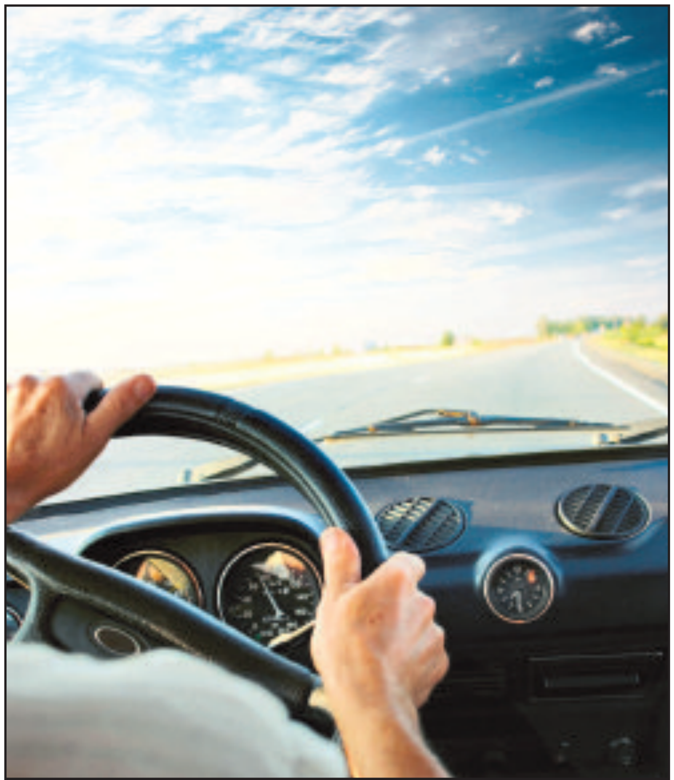
The report also pointed out that pedestrian deaths and serious injuries among all ages had fallen 41% between 2000 and 2010, but the fall for 60 to 69-year-old pedestrians was 37%, for 70-79 year olds it was 40% and for those 80 or over it was 33%.

The car-occupant death and serious injury reduction for all ages between 2000 and 2010 was 54%. But the fall for 60-69 year old car occupants was only 44%, with the decline for 70-79 year olds being 43% and for those aged 80 or over it was only 16%.

The report also drew the distinction between road users who were at risk and who posed a risk to others. Older road users tended to be in the former group, it said.

The report added that it was therefore essential that planning decisions were "health-checked" for older people and that the medical profession was more effective in giving advice on both physical and mental fitness to drive.

Pacts executive director Robert Gifford said: "Over the next decade the balance of the population in this country will change. Older people need to be kept mobile and safe. I hope that this report will generate a national discussion about the state of our pavements and the relevance of self-regulation when it comes to giving up your driving licence. We need to move beyond seeing older people as a problem to viewing them as contributing to a mixed society."



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Seat reveals lower prices for new Ibiza Range

FRESH from its triumphant debut at the recent Geneva Motor Show the latest iteration of SEAT'S most successful and well-known model, the Ibiza supermini, is being prepared for its UK showroom launch next month.

Just days after the wraps came off the new version of SEAT's multi-million seller in Switzerland, SEAT UK is confirming exact pricing and specification details of the new range which will be available to order this month.

The great news for Ibiza buyers is that the new model is introduced without a price increase over the outgoing car. In fact SEAT is confirming that the majority of New Ibiza derivatives will be available at a lower price than their outgoing equivalents.

Thus the entry-level New Ibiza – the 1.2-litre 60 PS E in three-door SC bodystyle – remains available at just £9,995 RRP on the road.

As before, the UK range extends up from the E through S A/C and SE to the sporty FR model. For the first time, too, New Ibiza ST buyers will be able to enjoy the dynamic delights of an FR version as SEAT expands its Formula Racing sub-brand to its svelte supermini estate.

The core basic model in the new line up – the SEAT Ibiza S A/C – is offered at an average of £300 less than the outgoing S Copa editions. The most affordable Ibiza 5dr is therefore the 1.2 70 PS S /C model, at just £11,430 RRP on the road. This engine is also now available in the Ibiza ST body style, giving it a significantly reduced starting price of only £12,140 RRP.

On the mid-level New Ibiza SE, there's a similar £300 average price reduction versus the outgoing SE Copa. Here, all Ibiza body-styles have the same four derivatives on offer. The accessible 1.4 85 PS petrol model is joined by the sprightly 1.2 TSI 105 PS, with state-of-the-art seven-speed DSG for those who require an automatic. Two diesels are offered in this spec; the hyper-frugal 92 g/km 1.2 TDI 75 PS Ecomotive and the 1.6 TDI 105 PS. The latter is available in SE trim for the first time.

The great news for fans of SEAT's sporty and stylish FR trim is that it now occupies an even more affordable place in the extensive Ibiza range, with engine availability widened to include turbocharged 105 PS units in both petrol and diesel. The established higher-end FR derivatives – 1.4-litre TSI 150 PS DSG-auto and 2.0-litre TDI 143 PS turbodiesel – are also available at much lower prices – up to a massive £1,100 less, in fact. For the very first time FR is also now available on the Ibiza ST, for those who crave a practical yet genuinely sporty small estate.

As on the outgoing model, the 'walk' from any Ibiza SC model to the equivalent 5dr model is just £500. To move from 5dr to ST is another £710 in every case.

Of course aside from compelling new prices, the design of the New Ibiza has been fully updated in line with SEAT's latest styling direction. Since 2008 the brand has shown a stunning selection of concept vehicles – most recently the IBE, IBX and IBL – which point the way to a range of all-new models yet to come.

Under the stewardship of new Head of Design Alejandro Mesonero-Romanos the New Ibiza takes on many of the sharp, dynamic details which will be a hallmark of SEAT design in the coming years.

Thus the New Ibiza boasts reshaped headlights that now include sculptural elements inside the clusters similar to the new Alhambra MPV and the recently-revised Exeo family of executive class saloons and estates. Specifying optional bi-xenon headlights also adds LED daytime running lights for an even bolder appearance.

Elsewhere the front grille is smaller and sharper, front fog lights take on a rectangular shape and the front end on all models now features the sporty, 'downward-facing' trapezoidal lower grille formerly limited to FR and Cupra models. Finally, at the front, the revised bonnet features a strong central crease line – a key design cue taken from the IBE and IBL concept cars.

At the back the New Ibiza's tail lights have been redesigned. Curved and semi-circular elements have been replaced with sharper lines while FR models gain LED tail lights for an even more distinctive light signature. The rear bumpers have been changed, too, with sharper lines tracing the rear 'diffuser' section.

Students of SEAT design might also spot that New Ibiza 5dr and ST models now feature gloss black 'B' and 'C' pillars, while eye-catching new colours have been added to the palette, including Lima Green. New alloy wheel designs complete the exterior changes.

Inside, new typography on the instrument dials and a refreshed climate control display makes things clearer and more stylish on the New Ibiza. There are redesigned steering wheels across the range, including a flat-bottomed design on FR. Finally even the glovebox has been enlarged, with significantly more storage and the addition of an interior light.

Managing Director of SEAT UK, Peter Wyhinny, said: 'We're really excited about the imminent arrival of the New Ibiza in the UK.

'This stylish new supermini ticks all the boxes for buyers by being not just significantly more modern to look at, more stylish, more practical and, with the debut of the Ibiza ST FR, significantly more fun. But, crucially, our best-seller is now also even more affordable, too!

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JACK HIGH **BOWLS NEWS**

Hamilton targets county hat-trick

ILMINSTER

with Des Maull

MATT Hamilton will face Luke Townsend from Watchet on the March 24th at Taunton Deane in the County under 25 singles final after beating Levi Hembrow 21-10 in the Semi-Final.

Hamilton also played in the County semi-final of the Triples Against a team from Weston St Andrew. The Ilminster rink of; Bill Anderson, Bev Brister & Matt Hamilton won by 18 shots to 16. This Final will also be played at Taunton Deane on the 24th.

Hamilton was aiming for a hat-trick of final appearances when he partnered Bill Anderson in the County Pairs Semi-Final at Bristol on Wednesday.

On Sunday Ilminster Played a three-rink mixed friendly against Severalls, Crewkerne. Ilminster won on 2 rinks and lost on 1 winning 64-51overall. Ilminster rinks: Jackie Stacey, Norma Pugh, Gary Riste & Brian Welch 17 Dave Wallis 21. Hazel Huish, Arthur Callagan, Derek Carter & David Pugh 20 Ken Leaman 15. John Stacey, John Pemberton, Anton Reimann & Silvia Read 27 Roy Devney 15.

The team for tomorrow's semi-final of the Liberty Trophy against Dorset at Taunton Deane includes two Ilminster Bowlers - Matt Hamilton and Mark Denslow with Bill Anderson named as a reserve.

CHARD

with Penny Herrick

Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League

This week only one match was played – with the Merriott Canaries defeating Westway 15-10.

The result keeps the Canaries at the bottom of the league.

Meanwhile, the Magpies, East Coker and Westway still have three games to play but league leaders Chard Greyhounds need to win one of their remaining two games to clinch the title.

Scores (week 20)

Canaries 15 Westway 10.

Table	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Greyhounds	16	11	0	5	31	22
Magpies	15	9	1	5	49	19
Harlequins	16	9	1	6	8	19
Hurricanes	17	8	1	8	-3	17
East Coker	15	6	1	8	-12	13
Westway	15	6	0	9	-3	12
Canaries	18	5	0	13	-70	10

SEATON & DISTRICT SHORT MAT LEAGUE

IN the East Devon League this week Chard A beat Combe A 6-2.

CHARDSTOCK

with Gordon Bodily

LAST Saturday 12 members made the short journey to Axminster to play a three-rink mixed friendly match. Rink scores: B.Howard, R.Wines, B.Sluman & K.Wakelin 14 Clark 22. C.Bradford, G.Bodily, V.Cole & P.Compton 35 K Quick 12. M.Rogers, A.Sebright, D Eldridge & K.Warren 21 M Crompton 24. Final score: Axminster 58 Chardstock 70.

Aftern'n D2	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Musbury	10	6	3	1	105	15
Colyton	11	6	1	4	208	13
Sidford A	10	6	0	4	-41	12
Sidford B	11	3	3	5	-80	9
CHARD	11	3	2	6	-83	8
COMBE St N	10	3	2	5	-108	8
Sidbury	9	3	1	5	-83	7

Aftern'n D3	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Seaton Cl D	10	7	2	1	130	16
Hemyock A	10	5	3	2	176	13
CHARD B	10	5	1	4	160	11
Seaton Cff C	10	5	0	5	-66	10
Musbury B	10	2	2	6	-215	6
Hemyock B	10	2	0	8	-185	4

Jon's Day as run continues

Chard 2nd XI 3
Yeovil & Sherborne C 1

IN the reverse fixture at Gryphon School back in November Chard Hockey Club's 2nd XI dominated in terms of possession but won by just a single goal.

The opening phase of this game followed the same pattern, Chard pressing the visitors back but creating few clear scoring chances.

The deadlock was broken by a piece of individual skill from Jonathan Day. He had already given Yeovil's defence some anxious moments with his jinking runs and crosses from the left. This time he surprised everyone by floating a delicate shot across the keeper and into the far side of the net.

Chard looked good value for their lead but, the longer the first half went on without them extending it, the greater Yeovil's belief that they could get back into the match.

After firing just wide of the post from their first penalty corner, the visitors' left-back made no mistake from their second, picking his spot just inside Richard Green's right hand post.

With the game finely balanced, Day summoned a match-winning performance in the second-half. Ten minutes in he created havoc in Yeovil's D with another mesmerising run, setting up a close range chance.

The 'keeper saved Harvey Dening's shot but Lee Slade was on hand to poach the second goal.

Then, just past the hour, Day dribbled in from the wing aiming to pull the ball back to a player more centrally placed but the 'keeper deflected his cross into the net.

If the goal had an element of luck about it, it was no more than Chard deserved as they began to take total control.

The youthful pairing of Ed Ireland-Jones and Dom Balion in central midfield gave Chard a tireless engine room around which to make good use of the possession they regularly won. Simon Green was outstanding on the Chard right, providing good ball to brother Justin who gave the other flank of Yeovil's defence as tough a time as Day did on the left.

With two league fixtures remaining, this victory extends Chard's unbeaten run to seven including six wins and they are challenging for a top four finish.

◆ *Umpires Chris Long & Jim Sainsbury. Match sponsor: Phoenix Fitness.*

Never says Never hits the spot

AS ONE star starts to wane so other hopefully replace them, and horses in local trainer Bob Buckler's yard are no different, **WRITES STUART BROOM.**

***The Sawyer** is still a brilliant jumper but not as fast as he was, and following a sparkling career the 12-year-old is starting to find that he can't always find the speed when the field break for home.*

On Saturday he finished down the field in the three mile Mobile Betting At paddypower.com Handicap Chase at Sandown having once again given an immaculate display of jumping.

"He's not as quick, but he has done us proud and doesn't owe us a penny," said Buckler.

*Twenty-four hours earlier **Never Says Never** made his debut in the bumper at Wincanton, and with Andrew Glassonbury atop produced a brilliant run to finish third against a high class field, many having already had racecourse experience.*

"It was a brilliant run," enthused Buckler. "Everything went right, and despite him running a bit green when he was left in front by veering a little and then coming back, he was still staying on.

"He had a bit of a mucky nose earlier in the week and after the race, so there is still improvement in him."

ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT **puts Charlton Athletic's 24-year-old ex-Chard Town goalkeeper**

BEN HAMER

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q You started out in the local football scene - who did you play for?

A I played for Chard Town from 11 till 16 then moved up to Reading when I left school.

Q Any good memories from your footballing days down here?

A Yes - all my pals I still see for a pint of good old Thatchers whenever I get a chance to come home! We also won the Morangis tour in France as 14-year-olds which hasn't been achieved since – it must have been down to all the penalty shootouts I carried the boys through - I had a sore back after that! (only joking boys!)

Q Who have you played for since your were snapped up by Reading FC?

A I had loan spells at Crawley Town (45 apps), Brentford (75) and Exeter City 18) before getting sold to Charlton Athletic in the summer.

Q In your days as a pro' 'keeper which has been the best away ground you've played on?

A **Sheffield Wednesday**'s Hillsborough this season was a big ground with a big atmosphere. But in my Reading days I warmed the bench at Anfield where I picked up a few splinters. I saw a few dugouts that year - not one to remember!

Q Finally, can you name the three best players you've lined-up alongside?

A **Gylfi Sigurdsson** now at Swansea City was a great talent at Reading and got sold on for £6 million. Republic of Ireland international **Shane Long** also did very well - I came up through the Reading youth team with him - he also got a move in the summer to West Brom. **Bradley Wright-Phillips** my team mate at the moment has had a productive goal scoring season (27 in 55 games).

NEXT WEEK:

Winsham United midfielder

STUART RICHARDS

Ilminster through to cup semi-final

CHARD Town will look to recover from a below par performance at Welton Rovers tomorrow when they entertain third-placed Gillingham Town.

In truth last weekend's 4-1 scoreline fails to tell the true story as The Robins were hit by a sickness bug in the squad and also suffer four injuries during the game.

"It was a tough day. We were far from our best but when some of your squad become ill during the game and you get hit by four injuries you know it's not going to be your day," said manager Nik Flory who lost, among others, 'keeper Ryan Peacock at half-time with Sam Johnson donning the gloves.

Obviously Saturday's squad to face the Gills could change at the last minute. Flory welcomes back Dan Cleal and Jamie Barfoot. Squad: *R.Peacock, A.Fricker, D.Cleal, M.Scott, L.Cleal, A.Martin, N.Warren, C.Gardner, D.Duarte, G.McAuley, S.Johnson, L.Finn, J.Barfoot*.

In addition Sam Clark and Jon Hurford are both rated 50/50 at present and George Chlopecki faces a late fitness test.

Personnel permitting, Flory confirmed he would tinker with his normal game plan slighty to disrupt a Gillingham side that is unbeaten on their travels since November and won the reverse fixture 6-0 back in October.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cadbury Hth	27	20	6	1	73	25	66
Melksham Utd	27	19	5	3	61	27	62
Gillingham Tn	28	17	4	6	69	44	56
Bradford Town	29	14	8	7	66	35	50
Calne Town	28	14	7	7	43	29	49
CHARD TOWN	29	13	6	10	52	43	45
Almondsbury	32	12	6	14	59	61	42

◆ A SLIGHT amendment to last week's column. Referee Brian Perryman has confirmed that the Chard Town goal in last week's Axminster Hospital Cup semi-final with Seaton Town was in fact scored by Jamie Barfoot not an own goal.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

Division One

A DOUBLE from Rich Hebditch helped Ilminster Town book a place in the Premier & Divison One League Cup after a 3-0 win at Street.

Chris Nezianya scored the other goal for the Blues who will entertain Premier Division high-fliers Langford Rovers in the semi-final on April 14th.

The other semi-final sees Frome Collegians, mid-table in Division One travel to Premier Division leaders Nailsea United.

Ilminster face Street again tomorrow looking to make progress at the congested top of the Division One table which has six teams currently separated by just three points.

Player-manager has a doubt over Chris Nezianya, but Brad Miles returns, squad: C.May, R.Stubbins, M.Smith, M.McCormack, N.Whaites, J.Manley, J.Green, D.Manley, R.Hebditch, C.Rutter, A.Paul, J.May, C.Nezianya, B.Miles.

It should be good night in the clubhouse with a special price of £2 for a pint of Guinness to celebrate St Patrick's Day!

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yatton Ath	24	13	2	9	59	43	41
Cleeve West	25	12	4	9	39	30	40
Weston St J	24	12	3	9	56	44	39
Larkhall Res	24	12	3	9	46	44	39
ILMINSTER	21	11	5	5	47	31	38
Fry Club	23	11	5	7	48	36	38

Division Two (west)

AFTER a fortnight off Combe St Nicholas return to action with what could prove to be one of the biggest games of their season.

The Saints, currently second in the table entertain leaders Wrington Redhill at Slades Cross.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrington Red	18	12	2	4	52	19	38
COMBE St NIC	18	12	2	4	41	23	38
Banwell	18	12	1	5	44	31	37
Churchill Club	19	10	6	3	51	28	37

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

Division Two

A SECOND-HALF goal from midfielder Danny Aplin looked to be enough to earn Chard Town Reseves all three points from the trip to Halwill. But the hosts hit back late-on to salvage a point.

Tomorrow the Robins, currently lying in second place in the table face a crucial game in their bid for promotion when they travel to Tiverton to take on third-placed Westexe Rovers.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tiverton Res	18	15	1	2	63	18	46
CHARD RES	19	10	6	3	34	23	36
Westexe Rov	19	9	5	5	36	27	32
Sidmouth Res	22	9	4	9	39	39	31

SCRUM-DOWN RUGBY round-up

with Keith Jenkin

Hornets' sting clinically removed

I COUNTED myself fortunate to have been given an invitation to the Weymouth RFC vice presidents' and sponsors' luncheon where, after a plaque had been unveiled to mark the club's 140th season by local member of parliament before watching the home side take on Ivel Barbarians from Yeovil, and win 77-10.

WESTON HORNETS 0 CHARD 22

THIS was always going to be a difficult game for Chard.

Their opponents, who were promoted with them at last season's end, have also made quite a mark in the Western Counties (North) Division this season and lie just out of the race for promotion.

Additionally the visitors had to make an enforced change to their front owing to an injury, although in the event, this fact did not affect them overmuch.

Their scrummaging was put to the test early on after a charged down kick out of their defence caused them to concede a five metre scrum.

They soaked up the pressure, finally turning over possession, with the clearing kick, made by lock Alan Henly, probably getting longer as the evening went on!

The visitors then began to gain some control, and the home defence began to concede penalties. Chard kicked one award to the corner and set up a successful catch and drive at the ensuing lineout that ended with Hellier touching down out wide. Nicholls converted from the widest of angles, and into the breeze, and Chard had a 7-0 lead.

They continued to hold the upper hand but were occasionally thwarted by the odd handling error.

Towards the end of the half however they spun the ball wide, switched, and centre Douglas found the broken field situation to his liking. He went through the gap, skipped the full-back and scored by the posts.

Nicholls' successful conversion gave his side a 14-0 lead to take in at the interval.

The four try bonus point would certainly have been on Chard's agenda at the halfway stage, but it was not to be. The home side who had not threatened overmuch thus far, began to win some quick loose ball and prospered accordingly.

Chard, defending stoutly, tended to fall foul of authority, conceding several penalties that forced them further on to the defensive.

More problems came when flanker Hellier, who had been prominent in the tackle area, was sin-binned for holding on. His departure was followed by that of Brian Sugar, accused of collapsing a maul.

Chard then had to survive for eight minutes with just six forwards on the field. They did so by some excellent aggressive defence and Hornets could not make their numerical superiority count.

Back to full complement, Chard went back on to the attack and a Nicholls penalty goal kept the scoreboard ticking. They scored a third try towards the end, touched down by scrum half Nicholls after a catch and drive by the men in front of him had taken the ball to the home line.

They could not do more, for the whistle for no side sounded soon after. They will be pleased with the win however, and with the defensive display that made it possible.

Members of the Chard second side were left kicking their heels after being given a walk over by their opposite numbers from Ivel Barbarians.

The third side however enjoyed something of a romp when beating North Petherton thirds by no less than 70-3.

TOR 2nd 15 CREWKERNE 29

CREWKERNE put in a rather lacklustre performance throughout the first half of this Somerset League Division Two encounter, at the end of which they trailed 8-5.

Their one piece of positive play in the first half ended in a try by Merve Bowditch. A good run by Andrew Mosley set up the chance. He offloaded when checked and the lock proved to be unstoppable from five feet and crashed over.

Strong words were digested with the half time oranges, and matters improved subsequently. They took the lead with a try by Dave Wall who cut between the home centres to touch down.

Ollie Singleton converted this one and added the extras also to the next, scored by hooker Hunter after he had ripped the ball from a maul close in.

Flanker Stewart Sherrin scored the bonus point try later in the half after he had looped his backs to make the extra man.

Singleton added the extras to this one also and, although Tor reduced the deficit with a converted try of their own, a penalty goal, again kicked by Singleton at the last served to keep the visitors well in control.

PREVIEW

TOMORROW was designated as a "catch up" day for the local league clubs when the league fixtures were produced last summer.

In view of the comparatively mild winter that has just ended, (we hope), most clubs are up to date as regards their league programme.

CHARD is the exception and certainly have a difficult game in prospect at first team level. They travel to BURNHAM ON SEA, a side whom they bested 22-14 at home back in the autumn.

The North Somerset club has enjoyed a pretty good season and lies in the division's sixth place, having been deducted five points for some reason or other.

They are out of the promotion race themselves but will certainly enjoy blunting the ambitions of those who are.

Chard will, I think, win this one, but will have to be at their very best if they are to return with a four try bonus point. They do have the ability to score tries by a number of ploys however, and their fitness levels seem to be better than those of most opponents.

They will certainly have to play with intensity, and for the full 80 minutes on Saturday however if they are to achieve the result they would wish for.

In fact this is a really vital game, being the game in hand that Chard hold over their nearest rivals. If they win it they will stretch their lead at the top of the division considerably.

CREWKERNE are without a fixture, being up to date in their league programme. They might have a friendly arranged with the Bridport second side, although it is a matter of conjecture as to whether this game will take place.

The Chard second side is without a game, but Chard thirds entertain Castle Cary seconds, a side from the bottom half of their division.

The home side did come out on top in the earlier fixture, but it was just by a single point, so they should take nothing for granted.

Tomorrow's Fixtures

Chard v Burnham-on-Sea (away); Chard 3rd v Castle Cary 2nd.

TRIBUTE WESTN N	Pd	Pts
CHARD	**21**	**93**
Matson	22	86
Old Centralians	21	85
Barton Hill	22	62
Hornets	22	60*
Keynsham	22	59
Burnham-on-Sea	21	59*
North Bristol	21	56
Cirencester	22	44
Bristol Harlequins	21	44
Whitehall	21	31
Yatton	21	23
Gordon League	21	17
Stroud	22	11

(* adjusted)

TRIBUTE SOM 2 (Sth)	Pd	Pts
N.Petherton II	20	91
CHARD II	**20**	**88**
CREWKERNE	**21**	**76**
Cheddar Valley	20	73
Minehead Barbar II	20	57
Taunton III	20	50
Somerton	20	45
Tor II	20	40*
Ivel Barbarians II	20	29*
Wiveliscombe II	19	27*
Bridgwater & Alb III	19	18*
Morganians	20	18
Martock	19	5

(* adjusted)

TRIBUTE SOM 3 (Sth)	Pd	Pts
Burnham-on-Sea II	14	64
Wyvern	14	62
CHARD III	**12**	**39**
Wells III	13	36
Tor III	13	24*
Castle Cary II	12	15*
North Petherton III	12	15
Minehead Barbar III	13	9
Wellington III	13	1*

(* adjusted)

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Late goal hurts - but Glovers move up a gear

DESPITE conceding a very late goal against Scunthorpe United on Tuesday that cost the Glovers two valuable points in their fight to avoid relegation, the signs are that with the arrival of spring Yeovil appear to have turned the corner.

An excellent win at Boundary Park on Saturday against fellow strugglers Oldham Athletic made it three wins on the bounce, where Gavin Williams fired in his second consecutive goal and Andy Williams continued his purple patch with his 10th in 12 games.

It would have seemed that despite the Iron having been a resolute and difficult side to beat over past seasons, the Glovers had the edge on current form to make it four in a row.

However Scunny showed their battling qualities once more and big Jon Parkin, on loan from Cardiff, snatched an equaliser with just seconds of added time to go.

However the point lifted Yeovil two places into 13th in League One and further away from the scramble for relegation.

With struggling Walsall the visitors on Saturday, a win could well see the Glovers in the top half and only a couple of wins from safety, but at this time of the season it is dangerous to predict the outcome as those in trouble often find renewed inspiration.

The first-half on Tuesday was about the best I have seen at Huish Park this season, and it was a delight to see neat and intelligent football abound.

Yeovil could have indeed had more than the one goal advantage for their efforts; a low Gavin Williams free-kick that passed through the Irons wall and into the corner.

The two new Middlesbrough loanees Jonathan Grounds and Jonathan Franks have bedded in nicely and their Premier League experience showed through as Yeovil ran the show.

Visiting manager Alan Knill realised the situation and made two substitutions that saw Scunny dictate the early part of the second half and they soon equalised through Parkin whose height and breadth made Richard Hinds and Paul Huntingdon look tiny by comparison.

Winning run halted at 11th hour

Parkin belied his size with some neat touches including his goal, and it seemed strange that Scunny did not make more use his of height advantage with more aerial balls, although to be fair to the Glovers defensive pair they won a fair share of the ball in the air.

Yeovil eventually regained the ascendency and went ahead midway through the half with a superbly worked and executed goal.

Andy Williams set Grounds free down the left and his quick cross was thundered home by Franks, meeting the ball in his stride.

That appeared enough to give Yeovil the points, but as so often happens they conceded a goal, and two points late into added time when keeper Sam Walker appeared slow off his line to close down Andy Barcham who slipped it goalwards when he eventually advanced.

Grounds did superbly to chase back and hook it off the line but only into the path of Parkin who smashed the ball home on the volley.

Referee Danny McDermidd has recently returned from a six-month tour of Afghanistan where he is a major in the Royal Logistics Corp.

Like every other British soldier who has fought or fighting for this country, I salute and applaud him.

However his persistent refusal to ignore blatant pushing, pulling and general manhandling of Yeovil players by David Mirfin, Scunny's experienced central defender needs highlighting.

This kind of tactic is illegal. When I last read the rule book, the pulling of a shirt was an offence and punishable by a free-kick.

The persistent ignoring of the rules, which in Mirfin's case were quite blatant, only leads to frustration on the opponent's part, and often results in retaliation which is the reaction the perpetrator was hoping to achieve.

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Crewkerne League

PRESIDENT'S CUP FINAL: Lost Boys beat Perrott Monkeys by 13 pins.

Division 1	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	17	158
Disney	17	148
Head Hunters	17	136
Super Sexy Six	17	117
Coachmen	17	117
Muddled Men	17	110
The Fryers	17	90
Royal Oak Drimp	17	86
King Willy Dogs	17	84
Rug Rats	17	62
Rollers	17	60
Football Club	17	56

Division 2	Pld	Pts
Nomads	16	110
Swan Fokkers	16	104
Concorde	15	103
Skimmers	15	100
Pinbusters	16	99
Loud & Proud	15	96
Stray Cats	15	89
Brewers Bees	15	86
Sports 92	15	79
Perrott Monkeys	16	78
Raptors	15	76

Division 3	Pld	Pts
Club Fixers	15	123
Merriott Men	16	115
Con Club Legends	15	112
Willy Low Flyers	16	106
Muppets	15	97
The Numpties	16	96
Beer Leg Boys	16	95
Hung Like Horses	15	87
Sandbaggers	16	86
Chis Colts	15	52
Kings Head B	15	48

Ilminster League

RESULTS;

Division One

Nomads 359-9 (R.Barnes 52) hatch Beagles 349-3 (A.Stone & P.Dibble), Bell & Crown 359-2 (J.Edmunds 56) Cricketers 372-10 (G.White & A.Gray 51), Flyings Turkeys 329-10 (M.Brown 52) Ashill Inn 316-2 (C.male 52), The Royals 364-9 (R.Priddle 56) Bell & Crown 353-3 (J.Edmunds 54).

Division Two

Hatch Eggs (329-2 (S.Cregan 45) Bell A 347-10 (S.Hooper 62), Wyndham Clangers 318-2 (T.Lucas 47) Wyndham Arms 325-10 (A.Carnall 50), Ashill Boys 343-9 (M.Brown 50) King's Head 321-3 (C.Payne, J.Shorting 45).

Division 1	Pld	Pts
Royal Oak Faces	14	115
Carnival Clingons	13	107
Hatch Beagles	14	102
Nomads	14	100
Flying Turkeys	14	89
Ashill Inn	14	75
Cricketers	15	69
Royals	14	53
Bell & Crown	14	50

Division 2	Pld	Pts
Rocky's Rollers	12	108
Ashill Boys	12	103
Wyndham Clang	12	88
Bell A	12	76
Wyndham Arms	12	62
Donyatt BC	12	58
King's Head	12	52
Hatch Eggs	12	28

STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
reporting on the Perry Street League

PSL teams in four county finals

SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP SEMI-FINAL

FRESHFORD UNITED 1 SOUTH PETHERTON 1

(South Petherton won 5-4 on pens)

AFTER a goaless first-half South Petherton were 20 minutes from going out of the Somerset Intermediate Cup when they trailed holders Freshford United after stand-in 'keeper Lee Holt failed to keep out an inwinging corner.

But up popped ex-Chard Town full-back Matt Corrick to lob the Freshford 'keeper and send the game into extra-time.

Pethy were reduced to 10 men in the 92nd minute when midfielder Danny Rendell was shown a second yellow card. But this didn't stop them pushing forward and Ian Masters, making a welcome return from a long knee injury lay-off, missed a great chance when he smashed an effort that hit the home keeper full in the face!

But the teams couldn't be split and Pethy, winners of the competition two seasons ago, squeezed through 5-4 after a penalty shoot-out.

CUP FINAL DETAILS: Odd Down Social Club v South Petherton (date and venue tbc).

DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP – SF

MILLWEY RISE 1 FREMINGTON 0

SAM Dibling's 35th goal of the season clinched Millwey Rise their first ever appearance in the final of the Devon Intermediate Cup after a 1-0 win over Barnstaple-based Fremington at Harry's Field

CUP FINAL DETAILS: Millwey Rise v Morley Rangers (Thursday, April 12th at Newton Abbot FC).

■ Danny Rendall (South Petherton)

DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP - SF

CORFE MULLEN UNITED 0 LYME REGIS 5

HOLDERS Lyme Regis cruised through to their ninth final in 16 years after dominating the semi-final at hosts Corfe Mullen United.

The Seasiders took an early lead when skipper Adam Caddy was felled in the area. Mark Bailey converted the resulting spot-kick.

The lead was doubled soon after with Bailey once again holding his nerve to score his ninth penalty of the campaign.

The tie was all-but over before half-time with a home defender putting through his own net five minute before the interval.

Any lingering doubts were extinguished on the hour when Steve Batey and Julien Simier both netted in a five minute purple patch.

The win comes hot on the heels of the club's Reserve team reaching the Junior Cup Final last week.

CUP FINAL DETAILS: Lyme Regis v Milborne Sports (Thursday, April 12th – venue tbc).

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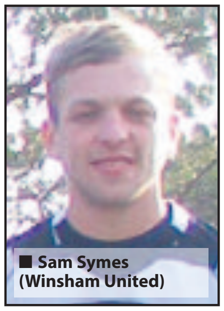
LYME Regis manager Robin Townsend is set to stand down at the end of the season.

Townsend has guided the Seasiders to eight trophies, with two finals and a possible second league title to follow, in his three seasons at the helm.

The club welcome applications to take on the post - contact club secretary Rob Thom on 07723 614345 or robthom70@aol.com



■ Sam Symes (Winsham United)

ARTHUR GAGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

AS predicted the quarter-final tie at the Rec was a lot closer than the Division One table suggested it would be.

Kris Hastings gave Shepton Beauchamp 1-0 half-time lead from the penalty spot. Both hosts Ilminster Colts battled back to force extra-time at 2-2.

Thirty more minutes produced another goal at each end as the teams ended 3-3.

Adam Male, Taylor Jefferson and Mike Usher netted for the Blues with Sam Murley and Dan Smith adding to Hastings opener for the visitors. Shepton eventually edged home winning a penalty shoot-out 4-3.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Millwey Rise v Forton Rangers, Misterton v Shepton Beauchamp.

JACK VENN CUP QUARTER-FINALS

MATT Vinall and an own goal saw in-form Dowlish & Donyatt clinch one of the results of the day as they won 2-1 at Crewkerne Town Reserves.

Two late Tom Warren goals couldn't save Chard Rangers from a 3-2 defeat at Pymore whilst Stuart Packer and Lee Fisher (pen) scored the goals which earned Thorncombe a 2-0 win over Hinton.

Elsewhere Jake Russell was on target with Paul Richards replying as South Petherton Reserves beat Misterton Reserves 2-1 at Lightgate Lane.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: South Petherton Reserves v Thorncombe, Dowlish & Donyatt v Pymore.

PREMIER

BEAMINSTER 2 PERRY STREET 0

A FINE penalty save from Steve Isaacs to deny Beaminster midfielder Ben Ward was the highlight of a goaless first-half at the Memorial Ground. But the reprieve was short lived as the hosts struck twice after the restart

WINSHAM UNITED 1 CREWKERNE TOWN 0

SAM Symes moved into double figures for the season with a goal 10 minute before half-time that keeps Winsham United very much in the hunt for a top-two finish after a 1-0 win over Crewkerne Town at Bakers Field.

ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES 1 FARWAY UNITED 2

FARWAY United did Beaminster a huge favour as they pulled off one of the shocks of the day with a 2-1 win at the Rec.

Goals from James Salter and Bradley King put the Devonians in the driving seat inside the opening half-hour.

Dan Vining was on target for the third game in succession but it proved to be no more than a consolation.

DIVISION ONE

THEY may only be temporary lodgers but a 4-2 win over Beaminster Reserves has taken Forton Rangers to the top of the table.

Lee Goodland scored twice for Rangers who have just two league games to play.

Guy Dare also struck twice but his goals failed to save Barrington from a 4-3 defeat at Perry Street Reserves.

DIVISION TWO

A SIMON Denslow goal was all that Crewkerne Rangers had to show for their trip to Uplyme where they were sunk by a Gavin Fowler hat-trick in a 6-1 defeat.

DIVISION THREE

COMBE A are coming up fast on the promotion rails after beating rivals West & Middle Chinnock Reserves 5-3 at Oxleaze.

Teenager Harry Boddington scored twice for the Saints to take his tally to seven in as many games.

There was conflicting fortunes for Shepton Beauchamp Reserves and Drimpton in their bids to avoid relegation.

Shepton were beaten 1-0 at home by Hawkchurch United whilst a double from Nathan Turnbull helped Drimpton to an impressive 2-1 victory over Millwey Rise Reserves.

DIVISION FOUR

THE shock of the day came just over the Devon border where top-of-the-table Thorncombe Reserves went down 3-2 in the derby game at lowly Hawkchurch United Reserves.

Paul Male and Jess Kerswell scored for the Thorns but they were outgunned by an Ian Robinson hat-trick.

Comeback of the day was at Seavington where Crewkerne Rangers Reserves trailed Uplyme Reserves 3-0 at half-time. But Steve Dunkerton scored twice and Rangers swung things around to win 4-3.

Barrington Reserves and Chard United Reseves drew 1-1 and both remain on the fringe of the promotion places. Mike Lee converted a spot-kick for the visitors with Jamie Park on target for the Yellow Hammers.

Elswhere Brad Cleal, dad Graham and Scott Davis (pen) scored for Combe B but they went down 5-3 at Farway Reserves and their hopes of a top two finish appear to be all-but over.

■ ILMINSTER Reserves pictured before the recent 4-2 Challenge Cup semi-final defeat to Lyme Regis. Line-up, standing, from left: Chris Bussell, Paul Hardy, Craig Rice, Rob Sutton (player-manager), Brendan Craggs, Craig Stuckey, Adam Male. Front: Adam Whaites, Mike Whitefield (captain), Dan Vining, George Scutt, Lewis Scutt, Paul Retter. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

RESULTS – March 10th

DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP - Semi-Final
Corfe Mullen United 0 Lyme Regis 5
DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP – Semi-Final
Millwey Rise 1 Fremington 0
SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP – Semi-Final
Freshford United 1 South Petherton 1
(South Petherton won 4-1 on pens)
ARTHUR GAGE CUP - Quarter Final
Ilminster Town Colts 3 Shepton Beauchamp 3
(Shepton Beauchamp won 4-3 on pens)
JACK VENN CUP - Quarter Final
Crewkerne Town Reserves 1 Dowlish & Donyatt 2
Pymore 3 Chard Rangers 2
South Petherton Reserves 2 Misterton Reserves 1
Thorncombe 2 Hinton 0
PREMIER
Beaminster 2 Perry Street 0
Ilminster Res 1 Farway United 2
Winsham Utd 1 Crewkerne Town 0
DIVISION ONE
Forton Rangers 4 Beaminster Reserves 2
Lyme Regis Reserves 3 Netherbury 3
Perry Street Reserves 4 Barrington 3
DIVISION TWO
Uplyme 6 Crewkerne Rangers 1
DIVISION THREE
Chard United P Luso-Chard P
Drimpton 2 Millwey Rise Reserves 1
Shepton Beauchamp Res 0 Hawkchurch United 1
West & Middle Chinnock Reserves 3 Combe A 5
DIVISION FOUR
Barrington Reserves 1 Chard United Reserves 1
Chard Rangers Reserves 2 Lyme Regis Bantams 4
Crewk Rangers Reserves 4 Uplyme Reserves 3
Farway United Reserves 5 Combe B 3
Hawkchurch Utd Reserves 3 Thorncombe Reserves 2

■ **DRIMPTON FC are holding a stand-up comedy night on Saturday, March 24th at the village Hall. Doors open at 7pm the comedy (five comedians) starts at 8pm.**

Tickets cost £10 and are available from The Royal Oak, Drimpton (01308 867930) or Ali Francis on 07920 045759).

TOMORROW'S PREVIEW

KNOCK-OUT CUPS

TOMORROW brings three sets of semi-finals.

The undoubted top four teams in Division One will be battling away for a place in the Axminster-based **Arthur Gage** Final.

Forton Rangers will be underdogs when they visit Millwey Rise whilst Misterton and Shepton Beauchamp clash for the fourth time this season. Missy will be slight favourites having won their last nine games at Unity Lane.

In the **Bill Bailey** cup both Drimpton and Shepton Beauchamp Reserves look to have their hands full as they entertain Combe A and Millwey Rise Reserves respectively.

Ilminster A will be bidding to reach their third successive **Ken Hodges** Cup Final when they travel to Horseshoe Lane to face Thorncombe Reseves.

The Thorns won the corresponding league encounter on the opening day of the season - but a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then.

The Blues could just edge this one.

Crewkerne Rangers travel to the Woodroffe School looking to secure a cup final appearance in their very first year in the league - Lyme Regis Bantams stand in their way.

League round-up

SOUTH Petherton must avoid defeat to stop Lyme Regis, barring a mathematical miracle, being crowned **Premier Division** Champions at the Davey Fort tomorrow.

History indicates they will. Pethy have won on their last three visits to the coastal ground.

Ilminster Reserves must halt a run of just two win in six if they are to push for a second-placed finish. Present incumbants Beaminster lay in wait at the Memorial Ground.

There are two crunch matches at the other end of the table. Crewkerne are obviously more intertested in the top of the table but they could go some way to relegating neighbours Merriott Rovers with victory on their travels.

Meanwhile West & Middle Chinnock must surely take something from their trip to Farway United if they are to beat the drop.

In Division One there's a relegation six-pointer as Norton visit Barrington whilst the top game in Division Two sees leaders Crewkerne Reserves travel to second-placed South Petherton Reserves.

FIXTURES – March 17th

All 2.30pm ko unless stated
ARTHUR GAGE CUP SF (2pm)
Millwey Rise v Forton Rangers
Misterton v Shepton Beauchamp
BILL BAILEY CUP SF – 2pm
Drimpton v Combe A
Shepton Beauchamp Res v Millwey Rise Reserves
KENNY HODGES CUP SF – 2pm
Lyme Bantams v Crewk Rangers Res
Thorncombe Reserves v Ilminster Town A
PREMIER
Beaminster v Ilminster Town Reserves
Farway United v West & Middle Chinnock
Lyme Regis v South Petherton
Merriott Rovers v Crewkerne Town
DIVISION ONE
Barrington v Norton Athletic
Perry Street Reserves v Netherbury
DIVISION TWO
Chard Rangers v Thorncombe
Charmouth v Pymore
Dowlish & Donyatt v Hinton
South Petherton Res v Crewkerne Town Reserves
DIVISION THREE
Luso-Chard v Winsham United Res
Waytown Hounds v Hawkchurch United
DIVISION FOUR
Chard United Reserves v Farway United Reserves
Combe B v Hawkchurch United Reserves
Uplyme Reserves v Barrington Reserves

Merriott Football Club

Annual meeting - at Merriott Social Club on Tuesday, March 27th at 7.30pm

AS THEY STAND

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyme Regis	15	14	1	0	71	15	43
Beaminster	17	11	4	2	40	17	37
Winsham Utd	17	11	2	4	46	28	35
Ilminster Res	13	7	2	4	27	22	23
Crewkerne T	13	6	3	4	38	20	21
S. Petherton	10	5	2	3	28	18	17
Combe Res	15	4	5	6	25	36	17
Farway United	15	5	1	9	31	43	16
Perry Street	16	2	2	12	30	56	8
Merriott Rovers	15	2	2	11	15	56	8
W & M Chinnck	15	1	2	12	19	58	5

DIV ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forton Rangers	18	12	1	5	50	33	37
Millwey Rise	13	12	0	1	60	13	36
Shepton Beau	15	11	3	1	37	14	36
Misterton	16	10	3	3	37	25	33
Netherbury	17	7	3	7	40	37	24
Lyme Regis Res	16	7	2	7	27	37	23
Perry Street Rs	15	5	2	8	27	49	17
Beaminster Res	14	3	2	9	28	37	11
Barrington	16	3	2	11	29	40	11
Ilminster Colts	14	2	2	10	18	39	8
Norton Athletic	16	2	2	12	20	49	8

DIV TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S.Petherton Rs	13	10	2	1	51	23	32
Crewkerne Res	13	10	1	2	47	22	31
Uplyme	17	8	4	5	59	30	28
Dowlish & Don	15	8	4	3	48	28	28
Pymore	15	9	0	6	57	31	27
Chard Rangers	16	6	4	6	31	38	22
Thorncombe	13	6	2	5	36	31	20
Crewk Rangers	14	4	1	8	30	42	13
Charmouth	15	3	3	9	22	43	12
Misterton Res	13	3	3	7	25	52	11*
Hinton	16	1	0	15	13	78	2*

DIV THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Waytown Hnds	15	11	2	2	47	24	35
Chard United	15	9	3	3	35	20	30
Combe A	14	7	4	3	38	34	25
W&M Chinn Rs	14	7	1	6	55	48	22
Millwey Res	15	6	3	6	46	41	24
Hawkchurch	15	5	4	6	42	39	19
Luso-Chard	14	6	1	7	40	38	19
Drimpton	18	5	4	9	49	65	16
Winsham Res	13	4	3	6	34	38	15
Shepton Res	16	3	2	11	24	36	11
Forton Res	13	3	3	7	27	54	11*

DIV FOUR	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thorncombe Rs	15	10	3	2	49	17	33
Ilminster A	13	10	1	2	59	18	31
Chard Utd Res	16	9	3	4	43	39	30
Barrington Res	15	7	5	3	48	33	26
Combe B	15	7	2	6	41	32	23
Farway Utd Res	13	6	4	3	35	25	22
Lyme Bantams	12	7	0	5	44	25	21
Crewk Rang Rs	14	5	1	8	41	46	15*
Uplyme Res	17	4	1	12	32	87	13
Chard Rang Res	16	2	1	13	28	61	7
Hawkchurch Rs	14	2	1	11	25	62	7

(* = Points deducted)

leadingscorers

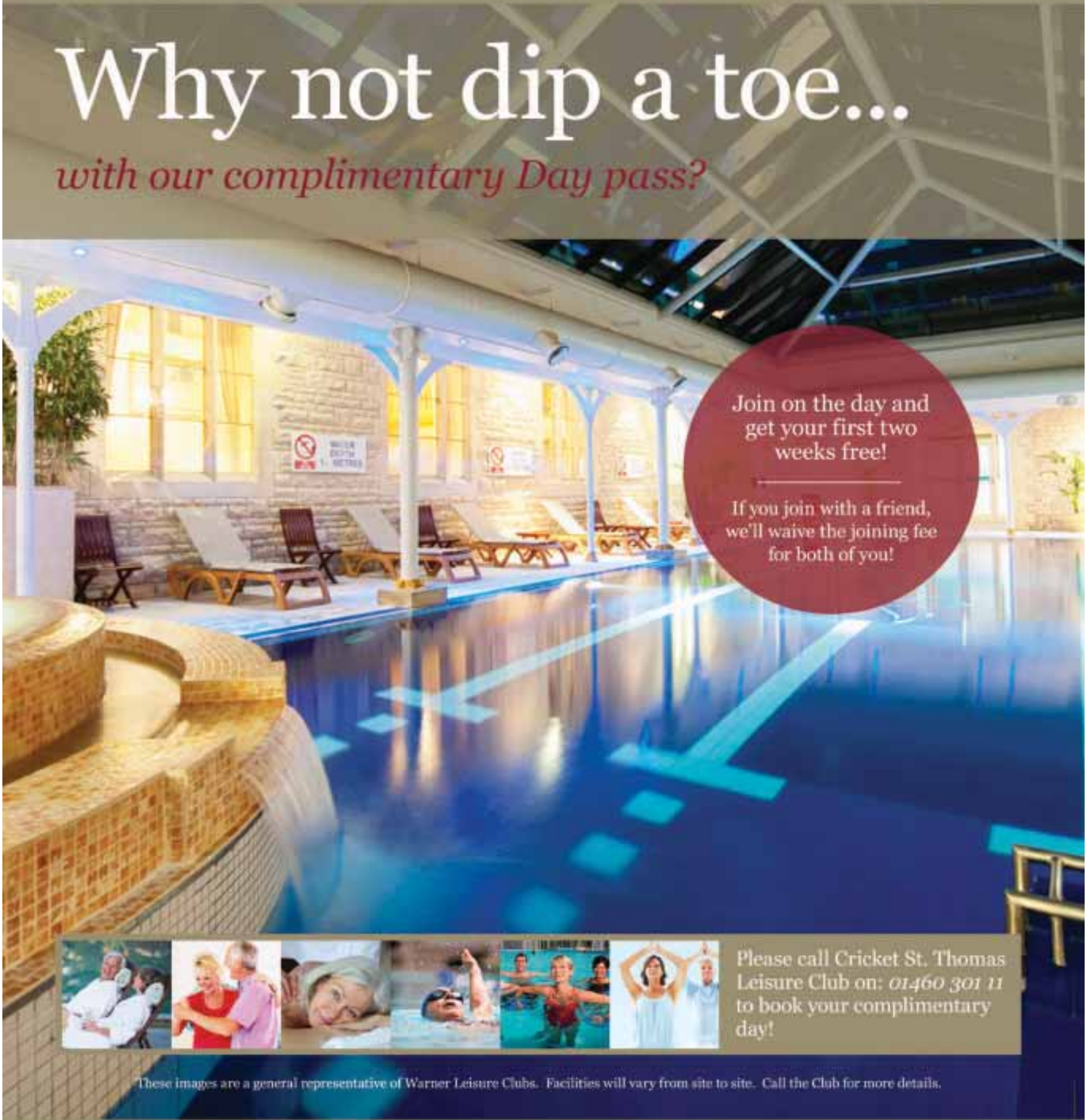
***Premier**: J.Bond (Lyme Regis) 29, Ad Caddy (Lyme Regis) 20, R.Hebditch (Ilminster Town, 19 for S.Petherton), Ed Butcher (Crewkerne Town) 19.*

***Division One**: S.Dibling (Millwey Rise) 35, T.Emmett (Millwey Rise) 34, S.Murley (Shepton Beachamp) 23.*

***Division Two**: S.Packer (Thorncombe) 21, L.Mears (Dowlish & Donyatt), G.Fowler (Uplyme) both 19, D.Rogers (S.Peth Res), P.Gold (Crewkerne Res) both 17.*

***Division Three**: T.Menaldino (Waytown Hounds) 29, A.Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res), L.Hoole (Millwey Rise Res) 19.*

***Division Four**: P.Peacock (Lyme Regis Bantams) 34, P.Male (Thorncombe Res) 15. K.Crouch (Ilminster Town A) 14,*



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